

SENATE BILL 2532

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54
and Title 55, Chapter 8, relative to state highways.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

The department is encouraged to establish and mark a deceleration lane on the paved shoulder of any state highway that has two (2) or more lanes in each direction to allow motor vehicle traffic to make a right-hand turn from the state highway onto an intersecting road or highway; provided, that the paved shoulder on the state highway is able to safely accommodate motor vehicle traffic for that purpose.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-140, is amended by designating existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection (b):

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a)(1), the driver of a vehicle intending to make a right turn from a state highway onto an intersecting road, highway, or driveway is authorized to move onto the paved shoulder of the highway prior to making the turn in order to permit vehicles following the vehicle making the turn to proceed; provided, that sufficient area on the paved shoulder exists to do so safely.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.