

HOUSE BILL 300

By Martin G

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38;
Title 40 and Title 55, Chapter 10, relative to
license plate flippers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-210, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(e) A motor vehicle that is found with an installed license plate flipper may be seized or impounded by a law enforcement officer as evidence; provided, that the owner or operator of the motor vehicle, if present, must be provided the opportunity to promptly remove the license plate flipper if it can be removed safely. If the license plate flipper is removed, then the law enforcement officer may seize only the license plate flipper as contraband. If the motor vehicle is impounded, then the owner of the vehicle is responsible for payment of towing and impounding fees and reasonable costs to remove the license plate flipper.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Howell
Signature of Sponsor

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by adding the following language immediately after the first sentence in subsection (e) in the amendatory language of Section 1:

A law enforcement officer, in the officer's discretion, may direct the owner or operator of the motor vehicle to move the vehicle to a location that the officer designates for the safe removal of the license plate flipper.