

HOUSE BILL 616

By Travis

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39;
Title 55 and Title 65, relative to vehicles that haul
logs or pulpwood.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

(a) A motor vehicle or trailer transporting intrastate a load of logs or long
pulpwood that protrudes beyond the length of the motor vehicle or trailer, when the
vehicle is operated on a highway or parked on the shoulder or immediately adjacent to
the traveled portions of the highway, must have the following securely affixed at a length
equal to or greater than the length at which the load of logs or long pulpwood protrudes
beyond the length of the motor vehicle or trailer:

(1) A rear impact guard extending across the rear of the motor vehicle or
trailer at a width equal to or greater than the interior width of the motor vehicle or
trailer axle; or

(2) A rubber bumper or other impact absorbent guard extending across
the rear of the motor vehicle or trailer at a width equal to or greater than the
interior width of the motor vehicle or trailer axle.

(b) The affixed rear bumper or impact absorbent guard required by subsection
(a) must be affixed in a position that is no greater than twenty-two inches (22") from the
ground.

(c) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.

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Signature of Sponsor

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Clerk _____

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-405(e)(1), is amended by deleting the language "Except as provided in subdivision (e)(2)," and substituting instead the language "Except as provided in subdivisions (e)(2) and (3),".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-405(e), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(3) Notwithstanding subdivisions (e)(1) and (e)(2) to the contrary, a motor vehicle or trailer transporting a load of logs or pulpwood that protrudes at least four feet (4') beyond the end of the body or bed of the motor vehicle or trailer must have the following securely affixed to the end of the projecting load while the vehicle or trailer is loaded with the protruding logs or pulpwood:

(A) One (1) amber strobe-type lamp or amber blinking light, or one (1) amber LED strobe light or amber LED blinking light, which must be operating while affixed to the load; and

(B) At least two (2) red flags or at least two (2) fluorescent orange flags, which must be in good condition and visible while affixed to the load.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect October 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.



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