

**CHAPTER NO. 726**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 3154**

**By Representatives Mike Turner, Matheny**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3314**

**By Senator Haynes**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, relative to the operation of motor vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

§55-8-1\_\_. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, whenever a person violating any of the provisions of chapters 8 or 9 of this title or parts 1-5 of chapter 10 of this title is required, at the discretion of the court, to attend a driver education course approved by the department of safety in addition to, or in lieu of any portion of, any other penalty imposed, the court has the discretion to allow the violator to attend a driver education course in his or her county of residence instead of attending a course in the county where the citation was issued. Such driver education course shall be approved by the department of safety and operated and conducted in accordance with the requirements of §55-10-301.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 10, 2006**

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2006

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR