

SENATE BILL 552

By Bunch

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 8, Part 1, relative to rules of the road.

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 language as a new section:

Section 55-8-197.

(a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle on any public highway in an inattentive manner caused by any activity which distracts the person's attention, including, but not limited to, reading, writing, personal grooming, or adjusting cargo, when such inattention results in the unsafe operation of the motor vehicle.

(b) A violation of subsection (a) is a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.