

SENATE BILL 2046

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8 and Title 55, Chapter 9, relative to freight vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

55-8-2__.

Notwithstanding § 55-8-158, any person operating, for commercial purposes or on a for-hire basis, a freight motor vehicle while transporting cargo may stop, park or leave the vehicle upon the shoulder of any entrance ramp of any highway for a period not to exceed twelve (12) hours; provided, that it is not practicable to stop, park or so leave the vehicle off such part of the highway, the vehicle does not obstruct the passage of other motor vehicles, and the operator displays warning devices during the period of the stop in accordance with § 55-9-103 or § 55-9-104, as appropriate. In determining the practicability of parking off the highway, the department of safety shall consider any requirements of federal law and emergency conditions or other conditions that threaten the safety of the operator and other motor vehicles. As used in this section, "freight motor vehicle" means a truck-tractor in combination with a semitrailer, twin trailer or trailer.

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