

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1414 - SB 1692

April 4, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- Recommends in the legislative findings, for the Agricultural Development Program outlined in TCA Title 4 Part 31, the Commissioner of Agriculture be empowered to issue revenue bonds, and to make the proceeds available for loans to farmers and farm-related enterprises which private industry alone would be otherwise unable to serve.
- Expands the definition of *Multiple Use*, under TCA 11-4-103 relative to state forests, to include but not be limited to a combination of *sustainable* timber production, demonstration, watershed protection, wildlife management, recreation, and aesthetics.
- Amends TCA 39-17-1503 relative to the Prevention of Youth Access to Tobacco by expanding the definition of *Sample* to mean a tobacco product distributed to members of the general public at no cost *to the producer* for the purpose of promoting the product.
- Amends TCA 43-1-1701, relative to the Agricultural Regulatory Fund, by requiring *administrative costs of enforcement* to the revenues that must be deposited into the fund.
- Amends TCA 44-6-103, relative to the Commercial Feed Law, by expanding the definition of *Commercial feed facility* or *licensed commercial feed facility* to include a facility which manufactures, *modifies*, or distributes commercial feed in this state and which is subject to licensure pursuant to this chapter.
- Amends TCA 47-26-705 relative to the use of moisture measuring devices by authorizing the owner of such equipment to keep the records in *written or electronic* format.
- Amends TCA 67-4-409(j)(4), by requiring, *on an annual basis*, the Commissioner of Environment and Conservation, the Commissioner of Agriculture, and the director of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, to establish priorities for the appropriate allocation of funds deposited in the state lands acquisition fund.
- Amends TCA 70-4-402(7) relative to exotic animals by amending the definition of *Native wildlife* to mean those species presently occurring in the wild in Tennessee and those extirpated species *originally endemic to Tennessee* that could reasonably be expected to survive in the wild if reintroduced.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

All provisions of the bill clarify existing department policy or guidelines.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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