

HOUSE BILL 1159

By Buck

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70,
Chapter 2, Part 2, relative to permits.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-219, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(e) The executive director is authorized to issue a special elk-take permit to a non-profit wildlife conservation organization that qualifies as tax exempt under the Internal Revenue Code, § 501(c)(3), (26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3), as amended). Only one (1) permit may be issued within a license year. The special elk-take permit shall be issued using competitive guidelines promulgated by the commission. An organization that receives a special elk-take permit issued under this subsection may sell or otherwise transfer the permit through any legal means available. Any proceeds of such sale shall be used in the state of Tennessee for the elk program on projects approved by the agency; provided that, notwithstanding any other provision of the law to the contrary, the organization may use no more than ten per cent (10%) of the proceeds to administer sale or transfer of the permit. The commission is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to implement the special elk-take permit program.

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