

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 3136 – SB 3096

April 28, 2010

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (017408, 017684): Deletes all language following the enacting clause. Amendment 017408 creates the “Tennessee Catfish Marketing Law” which requires all distributors, wholesalers, retailers, and food service establishments that offer catfish, catfish products, siluriformes, or siluriforme products to notify customers of the country of origin of the product at the time of final sale. Defines multiple means for notification which include, but are not limited to, label, stamp, mark, placard, or other visible sign. Removes Tenn. Code Ann. § 53-1-115 which establishes the rules and regulations for the use of the term “catfish” in advertisements. Amendment 017684 reinserts Tenn. Code Ann. § 53-1-115 which defines punishment by civil penalties up to \$1,000 for violations.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$59,200/One-Time
\$265,200/Recurring

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions applied to amendments:

- Inspection for signage and updates to menus regarding the country of origin of catfish can be accomplished during regular inspections and will not result in a significant increase in state expenditures.
- Any costs associated with an increase in complaints to the Department of Health can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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