

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2292 - SB 2357

February 11, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) from issuing any permits to rock quarries located within a one mile radius of any United States Army Corps of Engineer (USACE) dam.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The Commissioner of TDEC is currently required to omit any part of land from the area for which a permit is granted, if the Commissioner finds that any part of a surface mining operation would constitute a hazard to a dwelling house, public building, school, church, cemetery, commercial or institutional building, public road, stream, lake, reservoir, water wells, officially designated scenic areas, or other private or public property.
- Adding a new prohibition against the issuing of a permit to a rock quarry when located within a one mile radius of a USACE dam will not result in a significant decrease in the number of permits being issued. In some cases, permits could still be issued to a rock quarry for any areas outside of the proposed one mile radius from any USACE dam. Any decrease in permit fee revenue is estimated to be not significant.
- According to TDEC, the Division of Water Resources will apply the proposed prohibition to mineral surface mining permits to any rock quarry located within a one mile radius of a USACE dam. Such can be accomplished within existing resources using existing staff during normal work hours.
- Any change in state expenditures as a result of the bill is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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