

SENATE BILL 2722

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8 and Title 70, relative to employees of the Tennessee wildlife resources agency.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-311, is amended by deleting the section and substituting the following:

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), for purposes of qualifying for the position of wildlife officer with the wildlife resources agency, at least ten (10) years of full-time work experience in wildlife or fisheries management, wildlife biology, or other related work experience in this state or another state may be credited as equivalent to a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in wildlife or fisheries management, wildlife biology, or other related acceptable field. This subsection (a) applies to any person who submits an application for the position of wildlife officer prior to January 1, 2021.

(b) Effective January 1, 2021, for purposes of qualifying for the position of wildlife officer with the wildlife resources agency, at least twelve (12) years of full-time work experience in wildlife or fisheries management, wildlife biology, or other related work experience in this state or another state may be credited as equivalent to a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in wildlife or fisheries management, wildlife biology, or other related acceptable field.

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