



March 4, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (004724):** Unless otherwise prohibited by federal law, authorizes a person who resides on a property that adjoins the Great Smoky Mountains National Park to take, kill, attempt to kill, or harm a bear that enters onto the person's property if the bear acted in a manner that caused:

- The person to have a reasonable belief that the bear's action placed the person in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury;
- The person to believe the danger creating the threat of imminent death or serious bodily injury is real, or is honestly believed to be real at the time; and
- The belief of danger to be founded upon reasonable grounds.

Requires a person to notify the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) within 24 hours after killing or seriously injuring a bear pursuant to this act, if the person is reasonably able to do so. Prohibits a bear from being removed from the site, repositioned, retained, sold, or transferred without authorization from the TWRA.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This legislation will have no significant impact on TWRA's current operations.
- Any increase in workload to the agency related to accepting notifications pertaining to the killing or seriously injuring of a bear and removal of such can be accommodated with existing staff and resources.
- This legislation is estimated to have no significant impact on state or local government expenditures.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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