



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 170**

### **SENATE BILL NO. 629**

**By Taylor, Rose**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1057

By Vaughan, Williams, Reedy, Grills, Moody

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69, Chapter 3, relative to permits.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 69-3-141, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c) If the only factor that disqualifies an applicant for an aquatic resource alteration permit (ARAP) for wetland impacts from having the activities for which a permit is sought covered under a general permit is the size of the wetland that the permit will apply to, the department shall exempt from compensatory mitigation an amount of wetland equal in size to the area for which mitigation would not be required if the permit applicant qualified for coverage under a general permit.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect January 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 30, 2023

  
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RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023

  
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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR