

# State of Tennessee

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 347**

#### **HOUSE BILL NO. 1328**

By Representatives Keisling, Byrd, Tillis, Weaver, Smith, Kumar

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 665

### By Senator Haile

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69, Chapter 9 and Title 70, relative to commercial non-motorized vessel outfitters.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 69-9-227, is amended by adding the following new subsections:

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- (1) In maintaining information on the number and type of non-motorized vessels leased each day, the information shall be submitted under seal only for the use of the commission and the agency, and may only be used in the aggregate in agency reports and records.
- (2) Each outfitter shall submit a regular report from the agency required records on May 1, October 1, and December 1, each year, and the report shall cover activity since the previous report.
- (d) The commission may only assess a fee on a commercial outfitter by rule, and no such rule may take effect before July 1, 2021.
- (e) The commission may consider the implementation of a multiple year permit system in consideration of the business history of long-term commercial outfitters.
- (f) To insure that the views of the commercial paddle craft outfitter community are appropriately communicated as well as to assist the fish and wildlife commission in developing rules and regulations on commercial outfitting, there is created a commercial paddle craft advisory committee. The committee members shall be named by the wildlife resources executive director and shall include, but not be limited to, a majority of commercial paddle craft outfitters and other interested stakeholders. The committee shall also strive to develop non-regulatory strategies to address issues and to facilitate access for all users. The members of the committee shall serve as volunteers and shall not be paid or reimbursed for time served as committee members.
- SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 69-9-227, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(2) and substituting the following language:
  - (2) The regulatory authority granted under subdivision (b)(1) does not:
  - (A) Apply to commercial operations permitted by either the department of environment and conservation pursuant to title 11, chapter 8, or the United States forest service; or
  - (B) Preclude the department of environment and conservation from issuing permits, licenses, or leases for commercial activities occurring within its jurisdiction.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.

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RANDY MCNALLY SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 10th day of 2019

BILL LEE, GOVERNOR