

HOUSE BILL 2375

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 9; Title 11; Title 64;
Title 67; Title 68; Title 69 and Title 70, relative to
the economic development of recreational areas.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-11-202, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) The department of economic and community development, in cooperation with the department of environment and conservation, is directed to annually study and develop a plan for the promotion and development of adventure tourism and other recreational and economic development activities in rural areas of this state. Such study and plan shall be developed within existing departmental resources. The departments are directed to consider natural areas, best available science, existing recreational opportunities, economic conditions, including, but not limited to, persistent high unemployment, safety and environmental issues, and community interest in developing such plan.

(b) The department of economic and community development shall report its findings and recommendations to the general assembly, no later than March 1 each year, with recommendations regarding whether and to what extent existing laws should be amended and whether any new laws should be enacted in order to encourage development of adventure tourism in this state.

(c) The departments are authorized to promulgate rules and regulations in order to effectuate the purposes of this part.

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