SENATE BILL 447

By Lowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 102, Part 6; Title 69 and Title 70, relative to activities on the waters.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 69-9-216, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (h) and redesignating the existing subsection (h) accordingly:

- (h) It is a violation of this chapter, subject to the penalties in § 69-9-219, for a person to:
 - (1) Engage in an activity, including fishing, that inhibits the use of a public access area or launching area for a period of time beyond that associated with the customary launching and retrieval of recreational boats; or
 - (2) Swim, fish, or engage in another activity that interferes with the intended use of a dock or causes damage to a dock, boat, or marina.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2025, the public welfare requiring it.