

SENATE BILL 2377

By Watson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 11; Title 13; Title 43; Title 44; Title 64; Title 66; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 69, relative to agriculture.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 5, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Notwithstanding another law to the contrary, the department of environment and conservation shall not regulate or otherwise oversee farming activities involving topsoil, rock removal, or the building of a pond when such activities are conducted in an area that is less than five (5) acres in size, and the property on which the activities occur has a greenbelt classification pursuant to the Agricultural, Forest and Open Space Land Act of 1976, compiled in title 67, chapter 5, part 10.

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