



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 589**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1911**

**By Powers**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1965

By Reedy, Hodges, Smith

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68 and Title 69, relative to watersheds.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 69-3-108, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:


Watershed activities conducted in accordance with a site-specific design developed through full application of the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Conservation Practice Standard 580 (Tennessee) and NRCS Engineering Field Handbook, Chapter 16 Streambank and Shoreline Protection, and subject to NRCS oversight as a federal action, do not result in pollution and do not require compensatory mitigation. Such watershed activities shall be regulated under a general permit for aquatic alterations pursuant to subsection (l). The commissioner shall draft an initial general permit authorizing such watershed activities, conduct public notice in accordance with the board's rules, and issue the initial general permit no later than December 31, 2020. Thereafter, the commissioner shall ensure timely renewal of the general permit.

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

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PASSED: March 9, 2020

  
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RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020

  
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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR