

HOUSE BILL 2137

By Darby

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
Chapter 17 and Title 70, relative to wildlife  
resources.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-101(a), is amended by deleting the word "poisonous" and substituting the word "venomous".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-302, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

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(1) The agency may enter into license agreements for the operation of facilities on land under the control or supervision of the agency where such licenses are necessary, in the discretion of the executive director, for the improved utilization of state lands and facilities and deemed by the executive director to be in the public interest. The license agreements must first be approved by the state building commission and the attorney general and reporter.

(2) The facilities described in subdivision ( ) (1) include, but are not limited to:

- (A) Boat docks;
- (B) Marinas;
- (C) Camp sites;
- (D) Trailer camps;
- (E) Bait and retail stores; and

(F) Restaurants.

(3) The license agreements for the operation of facilities under subdivision ( ) (1) may be made if:

(A) The license term is not to exceed three (3) years, and may be terminated by the director, without cause; and

(B) The license agreement is entered into only after written proposals have been solicited by advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the facility is located.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-403(1)(B)(ii), is amended by deleting the word "poisonous" and substituting the word "venomous".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-405(h)(7), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

(7) Poisonous reptiles, including venomous snakes, must only be transported in a strong, closely woven cloth sack, tied or otherwise secured; the sack must then be placed in a box, which is made of strong material in solid sheets except for small air holes, which must be screened; boxes containing poisonous reptiles, including venomous snakes, must be locked and prominently labeled "Danger — Venomous Snakes" or "Danger — Poisonous Reptiles," and must include the owner's name, address, telephone number, and list of number and species being transported;

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-410(a), is amended by adding the following at the end of the subsection:

A personal possession permit is not required to be purchased in addition to a propagation permit.

SECTION 6. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.