

HOUSE BILL 2589

By Dunlap

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7;  
Title 8 and Title 70, relative to benefits for park  
rangers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-205, is amended by adding the following sentence immediately after the second sentence in subdivision (a)(1):

Members who are employed as commissioned park rangers with the department of environment and conservation, or who have been transferred from such activities to a supervisory or administrative position within the department of environment and conservation, shall be provided the same retirement benefits and be subject to the same requirements of the retirement system as wildlife officers and state police officers; provided, that the provision of such benefits and application of such requirements does not violate the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, compiled in 29 U.S.C. § 621 et seq.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-205(a)(3)(C), is amended by deleting the language "the commissioner of safety," and by substituting instead the language "the commissioner of safety, the commissioner of environment and conservation,".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 51, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, commissioned park rangers employed by the department of environment and conservation, or who have been transferred from such activities to a supervisory or administrative position within the department of environment and conservation, and the estate, dependents, or

beneficiaries of such park rangers, shall receive the same compensation benefits for injury or death that are provided to law enforcement officers and their estate, dependents, and beneficiaries pursuant to this part or other law.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to be an appropriation of funds and no funds shall be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless such funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.