SENATE BILL 1587

By Tracy

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, relative to transportation infrastructures.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-11-101, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Subject to the requirements set forth in this part, the local legislative body of any county or municipality may, by majority vote, contract for the clearing of any fords of rivers where a public road crosses the ford.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-11-102, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-11-103, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Any local legislative body authorizing the clearing of fords shall ensure the fords be cleared of all loose rock and any obstructions, and shall deposit any rocks or obstructions in a place where they will not deepen the ford of the stream.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-11-104, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

The local legislative body of any county or municipality may determine the width of any ford, however, no ford shall be required to be cleared that is over sixty feet (60') wide.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-11-105, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-11-106, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting the following:

Any contractor hired to clear a ford shall certify to the local legislative body of a county or municipality under oath that the contractor has complied with the requirements set forth in this part.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.