

SENATE BILL 1687

By Roberts

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29; Title 11, Chapter 5 and Title 62, Chapter 18, Part 2, relative to the soil scientist advisory committee.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-241(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (41).

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding § 4-29-112, the soil scientist advisory committee, created by § 62-18-210, shall terminate and shall cease to exist upon the effective date of this act.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-5-102, is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

() Regulate the practice of soil science as set forth under title 62, chapter 18, part 2.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-18-203, is amended in subdivisions (2) and (3) by deleting the language "commerce and insurance" and substituting instead the language "environment and conservation".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-18-210, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

(a) The division of geology shall:

(1) Subject to the approval of the commissioner, regulate the practice of soil science in this state; and

(2) Administer this part generally.

(b) All administrative rules concerning the practice of soil science promulgated by the commissioner of commerce and insurance prior to July 1, 2020, and in effect on

such date, remain in full force and effect and are to be administered by the department of environment and conservation until duly amended, repealed, expired, modified, or suspended.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-18-211, is amended in the first sentence by deleting the language ", under advisement from SSAC,".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-18-213, is amended by deleting the language "department, its staff, or the SSAC" wherever it appears and substituting instead the language "department, or its staff".

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-18-218, is amended by deleting the language "division of regulatory boards" and substituting instead the language "division of geology, created in § 11-5-101".

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.