

SENATE BILL 2218

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70,
relative to cormorants.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-8-108, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(f)

(1) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), it is not an offense for any person to disturb the habitat of, alter, take, attempt to take, possess, or transport a cormorant, also known by the name Phalacrocoracidae, in this state.

(2) No state funds or personnel, or other state resources, may be used to enforce any prohibition against the disturbance of the habitat of, alteration, taking, attempting to take, possession, or transporting of a cormorant.

(3) Nothing in this subsection (f) prohibits the agency from using state funds or personnel, or other state resources, to assist landowners in acquiring federal depredation permits for cormorants.

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