

SENATE BILL 2415

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-14-108, relative to state natural areas.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-14-108(b)(2), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Old Forest. An area of approximately one hundred fifty (150) acres located in the eastern half of Overton Park in Shelby County. Overton Park was purchased in 1901 as the first city park in Memphis and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The park's forest is comprised of upland old growth that has never been cleared or farmed despite its location in the center of a major urban area. The forest contains more than three hundred thirty (330) flowering plant species from eighty-five (85) plant families, including eleven (11) species of oak trees, eight (8) species of grapevines and a wide variety of native wildflowers. The forest is roughly bounded by North Parkway on the north, East Parkway on the east, Poplar Avenue on the south, and Lick Creek on the west.

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