PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 643

SENATE BILL NO. 3872

By Kyle, Henry, Herron, Yager, Harper, Haynes, Ford, Jackson, Marrero, Norris, Ketron, Black

Substituted for: House Bill No. 3829

By McDaniel, Mike Turner, Odom, Fincher, Moore, Stewart, Windle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 11, Chapter 14, Part 1, 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)(E), regarding Carroll Cabin Barrens is amended by deleting "two hundred (200)" and substituting instead, "two hundred fifty (250)".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-14-108(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (1)(H) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(1)(H) An area of approximately eight thousand six hundred twenty (8,620) acres lying within the twenty-two thousand eight hundred (22,800) acre Frozen Head State Park. The area contains undisturbed forest land of unique configuration and is located in the southeast portion of Morgan County. The State Park is comprised of the class I area, the class II area, three hundred thirty (330) acres located along North Prong Flat Fork Creek and Judge Branch below one thousand six hundred feet (1,600) elevation and one (1) acre on the summit of Frozen Head Mountain, and seven thousand three hundred twenty (7,320) acres known as the Emory tract:

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-14-108(b)(2)(P), regarding Frozen Head is amended by deleting it in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

FROZEN HEAD STATE NATURAL AREA. An area of approximately six thousand five hundred thirty (6,530) acres within the twenty-two thousand eight hundred (22,800) acre Frozen Head State Park located in Morgan County and within the Cumberland Plateau Physiographic Province. The entire area possesses deep hollows and valleys that represent numerous forest types with mixed mesophytic forest being the most prevalent. It contains significant mature forests and rare plants and is one of the least disturbed areas within the Cumberland Mountains.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-14-108(b)(2), is further amended by adding the following appropriately designated subdivision, keeping all of the subdivisions in alphabetical order:

HILL FOREST. An area of approximately two hundred twenty-five (225) acres in Davidson County protecting a western mesophytic forest community with "old growth" characteristics located in Metropolitan Nashville. The forest has a high diversity of exceptionally large-diameter tree species including oaks, hickories, and tulip poplar and is an exemplary remnant forest within an urban setting.

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

PASSED: March 1, 2010

RON RAMSEY SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

Kent Williams, Speaker

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 17th day of March 2010

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR