



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 270**

### **SENATE BILL NO. 1199**

**By Southerland, Jackson, Rose, Walley, Powers, Stevens**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1384

By Todd, Crawford, Smith, Faison, Hardaway, Chism, Eldridge, Clemmons

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, Chapter 2, relative to licenses.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-107, is amended by deleting the section and substituting the following:

(a)(1) Licenses and permits required under this and any other law relating to wildlife must be dated on the true date of issue. All annual sport licenses must be issued for the year beginning March 1 and ending the last day of February of the following year, both inclusive.

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (a)(1), the fish and wildlife commission is authorized to promulgate rules to abolish license years and establish an annual license system.

(b) In addition to the annual licenses authorized by subsection (a), the agency is authorized to issue any hunting, fishing, or trapping license for periods exceeding one (1) year.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-201, is amended by deleting subsections (a) and (b), and subdivisions (c)(2) and (g)(3)(A).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-205(c), is amended by deleting the subsection.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-206(c), is amended by deleting the subsection.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-208(b), is amended by deleting the subsection.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-215(b), is amended by deleting the subsection.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-219(a), is amended by deleting the subsection.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-220, is amended by deleting the section and substituting the following:

Any person, firm, or corporation, before engaging in the business of culturing pearls in the public waters, must first obtain an annual license from the wildlife resources agency. No nonresident may be granted a license if the state or country of the nonresident prohibits residents of Tennessee from engaging in the business of culturing pearls. The business must be conducted in accordance with rules promulgated by the fish and wildlife commission. The executive director shall appoint a committee of five (5) persons to assist the executive director in the initial drafting of the rules. Those persons include:

- (1) The executive director or the executive director's designee;
- (2) The chief of fisheries;
- (3) A fisheries biologist; and
- (4) Two (2) industry representatives in the initial drafting of the rules.

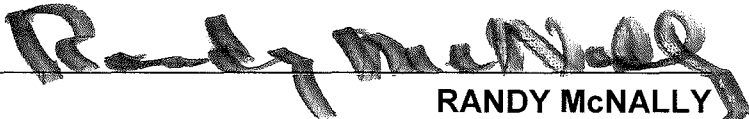
SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-221(c), is amended by deleting the subsection.


SECTION 10. The fish and wildlife commission is authorized to promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this act. The rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 11. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 12, 2021

  
RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021

  
BILL LEE, GOVERNOR