

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 153**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2288**

**By Representatives Gilmore, Odom**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2266**

**By Senators Kyle, Kilby, Marrero**

AN ACT relative to two of the dedicated funds of the Department of Environment and Conservation and to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 67-4-409(i) and 55-4-262.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated Subsection 55-4-262(b) is amended by adding the language, "and for making grants to universities in Tennessee for the development of new methods of treating pests that threaten trees and other vegetation at parks" at the end of the sentence, so that as amended the subsection shall read:

(b) All revenues produced from the sale of environmental plates, minus the costs the state has incurred in designing, marketing and manufacturing such plates, shall be allocated to the division of state parks in the department of environment and conservation to be used solely for the planting and cultivation of trees, shrubs, plants, and flowers and for the maintenance thereof and for making grants to universities in Tennessee for the development of new methods of treating pests that threaten trees and other vegetation at parks.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated Subdivision 67-4-409(i)(4)(A) is amended by deleting the third sentence and substituting instead the following:

Rather than providing matching money, the local government may provide as its match a tract of land not previously used for park or recreational purposes that will be dedicated entirely for park or recreational purposes after receipt of the grant and which is independently appraised as having the same, or greater, value as the amount of the state grant.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 30, 2007**

  
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JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 14th day of May 2007

  
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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR