



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 220

SENATE BILL NO. 818

By Southerland

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1014

By Hawk, Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69 and Title 70, relative to natural resources.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 69-3-108, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(u)(1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, a person who has contracted for the right to store water in a reservoir owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers shall have exclusive rights to any return flows generated directly or indirectly to that reservoir by the person. The rights conferred by this subsection (u) shall be subject to any regulatory requirements imposed by the commissioner and to the availability to the person of unused storage capacity within the reservoir to store such return flows.

(2) As used in this subsection (u), "return flow" means water that is discharged directly or indirectly to a reservoir from a water reclamation facility.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 17, 2017




RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 28th day of April 2017



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR