

CHAPTER 56**(SB 147)**

AN ACT relating to forestry.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. KRS 149.350 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) There is hereby established a Forestry Best Management Practices Board consisting of thirteen (13) members for the purposes of updating Kentucky's forest practice guidelines for water quality management and the Division of Forestry's administrative regulations regarding timber harvesting operations, and supervising the implementation of forestry best management practices and timber harvesting operations regulations by the Division of Forestry. The offices of the board shall be maintained at a place designated by the board.
- (2) The initial appointments to the board shall be made within one (1) year of July 15, 1998, and the appointments shall be for staggered terms to assure continuity. The Governor shall appoint members to the board representing the following:
 - (a) Five (5) members who are farmers or woodland owners with at least fifty (50) acres of woodland and who are actively engaged in woodland management:
 1. One (1) of these members from a list of three (3) persons nominated by the Kentucky Woodland Owners Association;
 2. One (1) of these members from a list of three (3) persons nominated by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture;
 3. One (1) of these members from a list of three (3) persons nominated by the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation; and
 4. Two (2) of these members shall be farmers at large;
 - (b) One (1) logger in good standing;
 - (c) One (1) member of the Department of Forestry of the University of Kentucky;
 - (d) One (1) member of the Kentucky Division of Forestry;
 - (e) Three (3) members of a Kentucky wood industry; and
 - (f) Two (2) members at large who are woodland owners.
- (3) Except for initial staggered appointments, board memberships shall be for a period of four (4) years, and members may be appointed to no more than two (2) full consecutive terms. Appointments to the board shall be made consistent with subsection (2) of this section.
- (4) The chair of the board shall be chosen from the members selected to meet the criteria in subsection (2) of this section.
- (5) The board shall review existing forestry best management practices within one (1) year after establishment of the board and shall conduct periodic reviews for rewriting the best management practices regulations no sooner than every five (5) years thereafter.
- (6) The board shall oversee implementation of best management practice education and enforcement by the Division of Forestry.
- (7) The board shall meet at least once a year for the purpose of conducting its oversight responsibilities.
- (8) ***The board shall be attached to the division for administrative purposes. The division shall provide funds necessary for board meetings, travel expenses, and other administrative support, including but not limited to, staff assistance at meetings, report preparation, and record keeping.***
- (9) ***The board shall present its findings and recommendations to the Office of the Governor and the Legislative Research Commission when the board deems appropriate or when the Office of the Governor specifically requests a report. The board shall provide a summary report of its findings and recommendations to the***

Office of the Governor every five (5) years and to the Legislative Research Commission, if deemed appropriate.

Approved March 28, 2006.