

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT FORM  
2022 REGULAR SESSION  
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Amend printed copy of **SB 217/SCS 1**

On page 17, after line 16, insert the following:

"➔Section 11. (1) The Finance and Administration Cabinet is directed to acquire perpetual conservation easements for the benefit of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources on approximately 54,000 acres of real property in Knox, Bell, and Leslie Counties, that was conveyed by Ataya Hardwoods LLC to Cumberland Forest LP, which is a fund established by The Nature Conservancy, by special warranty deeds dated December 17, 2007, and recorded in:

(a) Knox County on December 26, 2007, in deed book D368, pages 615 to 700, and by correction deed dated February 13, 2008, and recorded in Knox County, deed book 369, page 716;

(b) Bell County on December 21, 2007, deed book 339, page 533, and by correction deed dated February 13, 2008, and recorded in Bell County, deed book 340, page 518; and

(c) Leslie County on December 26, 2007, in deed book 177, page 20, and by correction deed dated February 13, 2008, and recorded in Leslie County, deed book 177, page 520.

(2) The Finance and Administration Cabinet shall procure outside legal counsel who has real property acquisition expertise and who does not currently have a contract to render legal service to the Commonwealth to advise the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources on all issues related to the transaction.

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Rep. Sen. Robin L. Webb

Committee Amendment \_\_\_\_\_

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Floor Amendment \_\_\_\_\_

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(3) The terms of the conservation easements acquired pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall protect the Commonwealth from all liability arising from conditions of the properties as they were prior to the acquisition of the conservation easements, including but not limited to conditions that resulted from prior mining, oil and gas drilling, or other natural resource extraction activities.

(4) The cost of the acquisition of the conservation easements directed by subsection (1) of this section shall be paid from federal funds, grants, and gifts made available to the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. The purchase price shall not exceed \$250 per acre and shall be substantiated by an appraisal paid for by Cumberland Forest LP or The Nature Conservancy.

(5) The terms of the conservations easements acquired pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall set forth, in a comprehensive manner, the rights and obligations of the parties.

(6) Acquisition of the conservation easements as provided for in this section shall follow a reasonable time for due diligence and negotiation, but all transactions for the acquisition of conservation easements shall close no later than 18 months after the effective date of this Act.";  
and

Renumber the subsequent section accordingly.