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STATE OF TENNESSEE

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR

No. 47

**AN ORDER TRANSFERRING THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE
RETIRE TENNESSEE PROGRAM, AS WELL AS CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES
RELATED TO THE ADVENTURE TOURISM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT ACT OF
2011, FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURIST DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Department of Tourist Development was created and established in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-2201, and the Department of Economic and Community Development was created and established in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-701; and

WHEREAS, the Retire Tennessee Program is currently a division of the Department of Economic and Community Development; and

WHEREAS, the services rendered by Retire Tennessee are closely aligned with those provided by the Department of Tourist Development; and

WHEREAS, the Adventure Tourism and Rural Development Act of 2011 was established in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-11-201, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and the Commissioner of Tourist Development have determined that transferring the Retire Tennessee Program, as well as certain responsibilities related to the Adventure Tourism and Rural Development Act of 2011, from the Department of Economic and Community Development to the Department of Tourist Development will result in a more economical and efficient state service.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Tennessee Constitution and by Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 4-4-102 and 4-4-117 do hereby direct and order the following:

1. The functions related to the Retire Tennessee Program in the Department of Economic and Community Development are hereby transferred to be made a part of the Department of Tourist Development effective July 1, 2015, and from and after July 1, 2015, all functions related to Retire Tennessee shall be administered by and shall be under the control of the Commissioner of the Department of Tourist Development.
2. All current functions, duties, and responsibilities assigned to the Department of Economic and Community Development by the Adventure Tourism and Rural Development Act of 2011, including the statutory responsibilities referenced in Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 11-11-203, 11-11-204, and 11-11-206 shall be transferred to the Department of Tourist Development effective July 1, 2015. All current functions, duties, and responsibilities assigned to other state agencies and departments by the Adventure Tourism and Rural Development Act of 2011 shall remain in effect.
3. As of July 1, 2015, the Commissioner of Tourist Development shall be responsible for the management and operation of Retire Tennessee. The Commissioner shall perform all the duties of, and have the same authority with respect to, Retire Tennessee as the Commissioner has with other divisions or areas under the jurisdiction of the Department of Tourist Development.
4. The Commissioner of Finance and Administration shall on or before July 1, 2015, transfer to the Department of Tourist Development from the Department of Economic and Community Development all appropriations and other revenues budgeted for the Retire Tennessee Program. As needed, the Department of Finance and Administration shall revise the budgets of both departments to reflect the effect of this Executive Order No. 47. Any future appropriations related to the Adventure Tourism and Rural Development Act of 2011 for the Department of Economic and Community Development shall be directed to the Department of Tourist Development.
5. With the assistance and approval of the Commissioner of Human Resources, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and the Commissioner of Tourist Development shall cause to be transferred to the Department of Tourist Development any filled or unfilled, authorized and funded positions assigned to Retire Tennessee.
6. All personal property, equipment, and other materials available and necessary to implement the requirements of this Executive Order shall also be transferred to the custody and control of the Department of Tourist Development.
7. The Department of Tourist Development shall have the authority to receive, administer, and supervise any and all grants and funds from whatever source, including but not limited to, the federal, state, county, and municipal governments, with respect to functions, programs, duties, and responsibilities transferred by this Executive Order.

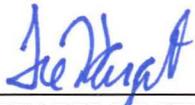
8. All contracts or leases entered into prior to July 1, 2015, by the Department of Economic and Community Development with any person, association, or entity that concern or relate to Retire Tennessee or the Adventure Tourism and Rural Development Act of 2011 shall continue in full force and effect to the same extent as if such contracts or leases had originally been entered into by and between such person, association, or entity and the Department of Tourist Development, unless and until such contracts or leases are amended or modified by the parties thereto.
9. All current rules, regulations, orders, decisions, and policies previously issued or promulgated by the Department of Economic Development with respect to Retire Tennessee or the Adventure Tourism and Rural Development Act of 2011 shall remain in full force and effect and shall hereafter be administered and enforced by the Department of Tourist Development. The Department of Tourist Development shall have the authority to modify or rescind previously issued orders, rules and regulations, decisions, or policies and to adopt, issue or promulgate new orders, rules and regulations, decisions, or policies as may be necessary or appropriate for Retire Tennessee or the Adventure Tourism and Rural Development Act of 2011.
10. The Commissioner of Tourist Development shall have the authority to execute such documents and take such other actions from time to time as may be necessary, appropriate, or convenient to carry out the intent of this Executive Order.
11. To the extent that their terms are inconsistent with the terms of this Executive Order No. 47, all previous executive orders are hereby repealed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 1st day of July, 2015.



GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

