

Amendment No. 1 to SB1997

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1997*

House Bill No. 2247

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 1-3-113, is amended by deleting the section and substituting:

(a) Except as provided in this section or another law to the contrary, a person who is eighteen (18) years of age or older has the same rights, duties, and responsibilities as a person who is twenty-one (21) years of age.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) and except as provided in subdivision (b)(2), it is unlawful for a person under twenty-one (21) years of age to purchase, possess, transport, or consume tobacco, smoking hemp, or vapor products, as those terms are defined in title 39, or alcoholic beverages, wine, or beer, as those terms are defined in title 57, with the following exceptions:

(1) A person eighteen (18) years of age or older may transport, possess, sell, and dispense tobacco, smoking hemp, and vapor products in the course of such person's employment; and

(2) A person sixteen (16) years of age or older may transport, possess, sell, and dispense wine or beer in the course of such person's employment with a retail food store wine licensee licensed pursuant to § 57-3-803, at the discretion of the licensee, and only if:

(A) The licensee maintains and operates a camera security system at the licensed premises; and

(B) The licensee ensures that a person who is twenty-one (21) years of age or older is present on the premises during any time that a person sixteen (16) years of age or older is transporting, possessing, selling, or dispensing wine or beer in the course of such person's employment.

(c) Section 39-17-705(1) is not affected by subsection (b), it being the intent of the general assembly that such provisions remain lawful and in full force and effect. A priest or minister may utilize and administer alcohol or wine at a communion service, bat mitzvah, bar mitzvah, or other similar religious service or ceremony, in accordance with the practices of such denomination or sect.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-703(a), is amended by deleting the language "An applicant for an employee permit must demonstrate to the commission that the applicant is at least eighteen (18) years of age and" and substituting "An applicant for an employee permit must demonstrate to the commission that the applicant is at least eighteen (18) years of age, or sixteen (16) years of age if a retail food store wine licensee adopts the exception prescribed by and complies with § 1-3-113(b)(2), and".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-412(a)(3)(A), is amended by deleting the language:

provided, that this section shall not be construed as prohibiting any person eighteen (18) years of age or older from transporting, possessing, selling or dispensing intoxicating liquor or beer in the course of such person's employment.

and substituting:

provided, that this section must not be construed as prohibiting any person:

(i) Eighteen (18) years of age or older from transporting, possessing, selling, or dispensing intoxicating liquor or beer in the course of such person's employment; and

(ii) Sixteen (16) years of age or older from transporting, possessing, or selling beer in the course of such person's employment on the licensed premises of a retail food

store wine licensee if the licensee adopts the exception prescribed by and complies with § 1-3-113(b)(2).

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.