

HOUSE BILL 603

By Tidwell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-202, relative to manufacturing alcoholic beverages.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-202, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection thereto:

(i)

(1) A manufacturer's license may be issued to a person, firm or corporation in any county which is included in the Tennessee River resort district as defined in § 57-4-102 and has a population of not less than seventeen thousand nine hundred (17,900) nor more than eighteen thousand (18,000), according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census, for the limited purpose of distilling alcoholic beverages on premises for sale, distribution or transportation to wholesalers only, either on its own behalf or on behalf of other entities pursuant to contract. Any facility producing such alcoholic beverages may be located in the unincorporated areas of the county, notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary,.

(2) If any municipality located in such county has approved the retail sale of alcoholic beverages in a referendum held pursuant to § 57-3-106, no additional referendum for the issuance of a license under subsection (i) shall be required, notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter.

(3) A manufacturer licensed under this subsection (i) shall meet all federal law requirements for manufacturing alcoholic spirituous beverages.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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