

HOUSE BILL 998

By Eldridge

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-301 and Section 67-1-1702, relative to information regarding the registration of brand distribution contracts and actions to terminate or modify such contracts.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-301(e), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(7) All actions before the commissioner of revenue seeking to terminate, modify, or fail to renew a contract under this section shall be open to the public and the pleadings, correspondence, and records related to any such action shall be available for public inspection, except for any document that is determined to be confidential pursuant to § 4-5-311(d).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-1-1702(a), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and adding the following language as subdivision (2):

(2) Any pleadings, correspondence, and records relating to the registration of a brand distribution contract pursuant to § 57-3-301 or any action to terminate, modify, or fail to renew the contract shall not be confidential and shall be available for review and inspection by the public unless the document in question has been determined to be independently confidential by a hearing officer under § 4-5-311(d).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.