

SENATE BILL 852

By Watson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-102, relative to premier type tourist resorts.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-102(28), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

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(i) A commercially operated facility that:

(a) Operates a vintage passenger train;

(b) Is owned and operated by a not-for-profit corporation which has been in existence since 1961;

(c) Is dedicated to preserving the heritage of rail transport in this state and the central South and whose name honors the region of the Tennessee Valley;

(d) Is located on the original right of way of the East Tennessee and Georgia Railway, which includes a railroad tunnel named to the National Register of Historic Places;

(e) Has a museum which began as a chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, and has preserved a collection of passenger cars, cabooses, freight cars, and locomotives, much of which collection is also named to the National Register of Historic Places, with a staff who works to restore and maintain the collection of equipment;

(f) Has the capacity to serve food and beverages to visitors and guests;

(g) Has adequate facilities and equipment for serving passengers, on regular or special schedules, or charter trips; and

(h) Is located in a city having a population of not less than one hundred eighty-one thousand (181,000) and not more than one hundred eighty-one thousand one hundred (181,100), according to the 2020 federal census or a subsequent federal census;

(ii) A train operated by a licensee under this subdivision (28)() may sell and serve alcoholic beverages and beer on the train while both stationary and in motion;

(iii) A licensee under this subdivision (28)() shall designate the premises to be licensed by the commission by filing a drawing of the premises, and such drawing may be amended by the licensee filing a new drawing; and

(iv) The premises of a facility licensed under this subdivision (28)() means, for beer permitting purposes, all of the property that constitutes the facility. The beer permittee shall designate the premises to be permitted by the local beer board by filing a drawing of the premises, which may be amended by the beer permittee filing a new drawing;

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.