



Tennessee Senate

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 926

SENATE BILL NO. 993

By Yager

Substituted for: House Bill No. 867

By Littleton, McCalmon

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, Chapter 4, relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages on a commercial passenger bus.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-101, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(1) and substituting:

(1) Hotel, commercial passenger boat company, commercial passenger bus company, paddlewheel steamboat company, restaurant, commercial airlines, or passenger trains meeting the requirements hereinafter set out, within the boundaries of the political subdivisions, wherein such is authorized under § 57-4-103;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-102, is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

() (A) "Commercial passenger bus company" means a company that offers commercial passenger bus service in this state using a passenger bus that:

(i) Is designed and used for regularly scheduled intercity transportation of passengers for compensation;

(ii) Is regulated by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA);

(iii) Is at least forty-five feet (45') in length;

(iv) Has an elevated passenger deck over a baggage compartment;

(v) Has passenger seating to accommodate at least sixteen (16) persons, but not more than thirty-six (36) persons;

(vi) Has a separate galley area with a sink, refrigerator, and adequate counterspace to prepare food; and

(vii) While transporting passengers for compensation, also transports an attendant who:

(a) Is not the operator of the bus;

(b) Holds a valid server permit from the commission; and

(c) Sells or gives away prepared food to its customers;

(B) A commercial passenger bus company licensed under this subdivision () shall not sell alcoholic beverages or beer:

(i) While a bus is stopped for the purposes of loading or unloading passengers within the boundaries of a local government that has not approved the sale of alcoholic beverages pursuant to § 57-4-103;

(ii) While a bus is on a route that is less than one hundred (100) miles one-way to its destination;

(iii) To a passenger who has been served four (4) alcoholic beverages or beers by the attendant; and

(iv) On private, reserved trips that are not regularly scheduled and advertised intercity trips available to the general public; and

(C) Section 55-10-416(c) does not apply to a passenger of a commercial passenger bus licensed under this subdivision ();

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-301(b)(1), is amended by adding the following new subdivision (Y):

(Y) Commercial passenger bus \$1,250

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-201(b)(1), is amended by deleting the language "historic mansion house site or commercial passenger boat company" and substituting "historic mansion house site, commercial passenger bus company, or commercial passenger boat company".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-201(d)(2), is amended by deleting the language "commercial passenger boat company, or sports authority facility" and substituting "commercial passenger boat company, commercial passenger bus company, or sports authority facility".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-201(d)(6), is amended by deleting the language "commercial passenger boat company, or sports authority facility" and substituting "commercial passenger boat company, commercial passenger bus company, or sports authority facility".

SECTION 7. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 22, 2024




RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 6th day of May 2024



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR