

SENATE BILL 994

By Yager

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57,  
Chapter 4, relative to consumption of alcoholic  
beverages on the premises.

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) Is located in a county with a metropolitan form of government  
having a population of not less than five hundred thousand (500,000),  
according to the 2020 federal census or a subsequent federal census;

(b) Was built in 1945;

(c) Once housed a furniture store;

(d) Serves as a venue for live music, which may include  
broadcasts of radio and television programming, dancing, banquets,  
meetings, and other events; and

(e) Has four (4) floors, at least fifty thousand square feet (50,000  
sq. ft.), and a capacity for at least one thousand (1,000) guests;

(ii) A facility licensed under this subdivision (28)( ) is not required to  
meet a gross revenue percentage requirement for food service as a prerequisite  
to the issuance of a license to serve liquor-by-the-drink; provided, however, that  
a facility applying for the renewal of its license under this subdivision (28)( ) shall  
pay the appropriate license fee due under § 57-4-301(b)(1)(W) when the gross

revenue from the previous year derived from food sales is fifty percent (50%) or less than the gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages;

(iii) The premises of any facility licensed under this subdivision (28)( ) means any or all of the property that constitutes the facility. The licensee shall designate the premises to be licensed by the commission by filing a drawing of the premises, which may be amended by the licensee filing a new drawing. The entire designated premises may be covered under one (1) license issued under this subdivision (28)( );

(iv) Notwithstanding chapter 5 of this title to the contrary, the premises of any facility licensed under this subdivision (28)( ) means, for beer permitting purposes, any or 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. The entire designated premises may be covered under one (1) beer permit issued under chapter 5 of this title;

(v) A facility licensed under this subdivision (28)( ) may seek an additional license as a caterer under § 57-4-102(6); and

(vi) A facility licensed under this subdivision (28)( ) may hold any of the licenses authorized under chapter 4 of this title and may grant a franchise to one (1) or more entities for any or all such licenses;

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