

SENATE BILL 2077

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57,  
Chapter 3 and Title 57, Chapter 4, relative to  
alcoholic beverages.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-203(f)(1), is amended by deleting the language “who have been residents of Tennessee for not less than five (5) years next preceding or who at any time have been residents of the state of Tennessee for at least fifteen (15) consecutive years, and”.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-203(f), is amended by deleting subdivision (3) in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-203, is amended by deleting subsections (g) and (h) in their entirety and redesignating the remaining subsections accordingly.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-204(b), is amended by deleting subdivisions (2) and (3) in their entirety and adding the following new language as a new subdivision (2):

(2) The commission may, in its discretion, issue a retail license to a corporation; provided, that no person owning stock in such corporation shall have any interest as partner or otherwise, either direct or indirect, in a business licensed to engage in the sale or distribution of intoxicating liquors in Tennessee.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-204(f), is amended by deleting subdivision (5) in its entirety and renumbering the remaining subdivision accordingly.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-207, is amended by deleting subsection (d) in its entirety and adding the following new language as a new subsection (d):

(d) No Tennessee winery license shall be issued except to persons who have not been convicted, and whose officers and principals have not been convicted, within a period of five (5) years preceding application, of any felony or any violation of any state or federal laws relating to alcoholic beverages.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-208(c), is amended by deleting the following language:

A local jurisdiction may impose reasonable residency requirements on any applicant. However, if a local jurisdiction does impose such residency requirements, such local jurisdiction shall not be authorized to impose any residency requirement on any applicant who has been continuously licensed pursuant to § 57-3-204 for seven (7) consecutive years.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.