## HOUSE BILL 553

## By Lundberg

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, Chapter 1, relative to the alcoholic beverage commission.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-1-201(b), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(4) Notwithstanding subdivision (b)(1), the commission shall not impose a fine on

a license or permit holder for a violation listed below more than three (3) times in a two-

year period. The commission shall be required to suspend or revoke the license or

permit instead of imposing a fine after the third violation within the two-year period.

Types of violations governed by this subdivision (b)(4) are:

(A) Selling alcoholic beverages to a person who is visibly intoxicated in

violation of § 57-4-203(c) or § 57-3-406(c);

(B) Sale of alcoholic beverages to minors in violation of § 57-4-203(b) or

§ 57-3-406;

(C) Buying alcoholic beverages from sources other than a licensed wholesaler; and

(D) Allowing persons under eighteen (18) years of age to dispense, serve or sell alcoholic beverages;

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.