HOUSE BILL 592

By Ramsey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, relative to alcoholic beverages.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, Chapter 3, Part 6, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

57-3-608.

- (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a person may obtain and hold a non-manufacturer non-resident seller's permit issued under § 57-3-602(c)(1) if the person operates an entity licensed under § 57-4-101 that:
 - (1) Is a commercially operated restaurant containing not less than three thousand square feet (3,000 sq. ft.) and not more than thirteen thousand square feet (13,000 sq. ft.);
 - (2) Operates an outdoor brick fire pit for smoking meat;
 - (3) Is located on property not less than four hundred fifty feet (450') above sea level and not more than five hundred feet (500') above sea level;
 - (4) Is located on property not more than two hundred fifty feet (250') from a commercial railroad track;
 - (5) Is located not more than eight hundred fifty feet (850') from a federal interstate highway and not more than five hundred fifty feet (550') from a federal highway; and
 - (6) Is located in a county having a metropolitan form of government with a population of more than six hundred thousand (600,000), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

- (b) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a holder of a nonmanufacturer non-resident seller's permit under subsection (a):
 - (1) May own and operate one (1) or more businesses licensed under § 57-4-101 that are located in a county having a metropolitan form of government with a population of more than six hundred thousand (600,000), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census;
 - (2) Must conduct business under the permit on a premises separate from any entity licensed under § 57-4-101; and
 - (3) With respect to any product manufactured under the permit, may exercise the privileges of a manufacturer under § 57-3-202(i) and (k) in a tasting room that is maintained separately from any premises licensed under § 57-4-101.
- SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-604(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:
 - (1) Except as otherwise provided in § 57-3-608, have an interest, direct or indirect, in any business licensed under §§ 57-3-204 or 57-4-101;
- SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.