

HOUSE BILL 2551

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 10 and Title 57, relative to motor vehicle accidents involving alcohol.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-120, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c) A law enforcement officer investigating a motor vehicle accident resulting in the death of a person, and having probable cause to believe that an operator of a motor vehicle involved in the accident was driving under the influence of alcohol, shall investigate whether the operator was served alcoholic beverages or beer at an establishment licensed to sell alcoholic beverages or beer for on-premises consumption. The alcoholic beverage commission must be notified of the investigation and its result. Notwithstanding title 57, a licensed establishment determined to have contributed to the operator of the motor vehicle being under the influence of alcohol through a violation of state law shall be subject to suspension or revocation of its license for a period of not less than one (1) year.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.