HOUSE BILL 2918

By Griffey

AN ACT to amend Chapter 189 of the Private Acts of 1994; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the privilege tax on the occupancy of hotels and motels in Benton County.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 189 of the Private Acts of 1994, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting subsection 4 in Section 1 and substituting instead the following:

4. "Hotel" means any structure or space, or any portion thereof, which is occupied or intended or designed for occupancy by transients for dwelling, lodging, or sleeping purposes, and includes any hotel, inn, tourist camp or campground, tourist court, tourist cabin, motel, or campsite; any campsite, tourist cabin, tourist court, tourist camp or campsite, inn, hotel, or motel owned or operated by a governmental entity; or any place in which rooms, lodgings, or accommodations are furnished to transients for a consideration.

SECTION 2. Chapter 189 of the Private Acts of 1994, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting the period (.) at the end of subsection 6 in Section 1 and substituting instead the following:

, and includes governmental entities.

SECTION 3. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Benton County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 3.