SENATE BILL 653

By Johnson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, Chapter 4, Part 1, relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-102(16)(C), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

(C)

- (i) No person licensed under this title may provide anything of value to a festival operator, except as may be expressly authorized by the commission.

 Additionally, no festival operator may receive or accept any item or service that a person under this subdivision (16) is prohibited from providing.
- (ii) Subdivision (16)(C)(i) does not apply to an independent property owner, tenant, producer, or promoter of a festival.
- (iii) All alcoholic beverages used for the festival must be purchased from wholesalers licensed under § 57-3-203. Notwithstanding another law to the contrary, a wholesaler may buy back any unopened and resalable bottles of alcoholic beverages at the end of the festival. A wholesaler shall keep all records, as may be required by the commission, necessary to document the purchase of such products pursuant to this subdivision (16);

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.