SENATE BILL 831

By McNally

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 26, relative to tobacco.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-4-2606, is amended by adding the following language to the end of subsection (a):

The commissioner shall notify tobacco distributors as defined by § 67-4-1001 no less than thirty (30) days before excluding a brand family from the directory. The commissioner shall notify persons and stores that sell or make available tobacco products directly to the ultimate consumer no less than sixty (60) days before excluding a brand family from the directory.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 26, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 67-4-2607. If the commissioner elects not to include a brand family or tobacco product manufacturer on the directory, all such tobacco products affected by such election that have a tobacco tax stamp affixed to them may be sold by a tobacco distributor or retailer until the tobacco distributor or retailer's supply is exhausted. SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

it.