SENATE BILL 1405

By Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, Chapter 4, relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

A restaurant licensed under this chapter that is located in a county with a population of not less than six hundred thousand (600,000), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census, may sell to patrons of the restaurant mixed alcoholic beverages in sealed packages or containers for off-premises consumption.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-203(e)(1), is amended by deleting the language:

No licensee hereunder shall sell any wine or other alcoholic beverage in any sealed or unsealed package to any patrons or customers for consumption off its premises.

and by substituting instead:

Except as otherwise provided in Section 1 of this act, no licensee hereunder shall sell any wine or other alcoholic beverage in any sealed or unsealed package to any patrons or customers for consumption off its premises.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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