

SENATE BILL 2355

By Briggs

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-203, relative to alcoholic beverages.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-203(b), is amended by adding the following new subdivision (4):

(A) The commission shall not revoke or suspend the server permit of a person who violates subdivision (b)(1)(A) or (B), but may impose on the permit holder a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000); provided, that at the time of the violation:

(i) The permit holder has not violated subdivision (b)(1)(A) or (B) in the twelve (12) months prior to the violation;

(ii) The server responsible for the violation holds a valid server permit;

and

(iii) The permit holder has not violated subsection (h) in the twelve (12) months prior to the violation of subdivision (b)(1)(A) or (B).

(B) A server permittee who violates subdivision (b)(1)(A) or (B) must be fined five hundred dollars (\$500) and be required to retake the training under § 57-3-704(a)(1). A server who violates subdivision (b)(1)(A) or (B) twice within any twelve-month period is prohibited from serving alcoholic beverages or beer for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of the violation.

(C) Notwithstanding another law to the contrary, a server who violates § 57-3-707 and subdivision (b)(1)(A) or (B) is prohibited from obtaining a server permit for twenty-four (24) months from the date of the violation of subdivision (b)(1)(A) or (B).

SECTION 2. This act takes effect January 1, 2025, the public welfare requiring it.