

SENATE BILL 2661

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47  
and Title 62, Chapter 7, relative to hotels.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

62-7-113.

(a) The operator of any hotel shall disclose to any person making a reservation for a hotel room that it serves as a place where residential or dwelling units are offered for consideration to persons for a minimum period of more than thirty (30) continuous days, regardless of whether such persons pay their room bills weekly, semi-weekly, bi-weekly, semi-monthly, or with any other frequency.

(b) The disclosure required by this section shall be provided in writing upon receipt of a person's reservation request and prior to confirmation of a reservation. The operator of a hotel may transmit the disclosure to any person who has provided an electronic mail address for the purpose of requesting a reservation or receiving confirmation.

(c) This section applies to hotels, motels and other places of public accommodations as defined by § 62-7-107 and referred to in this section as "hotels."

(d) For purposes of this section, "operator" means the person operating the hotel, whether as owner, lessee, or otherwise.

(e) Failure to provide the disclosure required by this section is a violation of the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977, compiled in title 47, chapter 18, part 1.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.