

HOUSE BILL 1961
By Phillips

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, Chapter 4, relative to expanding the sales base for the collection of sales tax in any county having a population of not less than thirty thousand two hundred (30,200) nor more than thirty thousand four hundred seventy-five (30,475), according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census by authorizing certain restaurants in such county to serve wine and beer.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-101, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

() It is lawful to serve wine as defined in § 57-3-101, and beer as defined in § 57-6-102, to be consumed on the premises of any restaurant as this term is defined in Section 2 of this act, located in the unincorporated areas of any county having a population of not less than thirty thousand two hundred (30,200) nor more than thirty thousand four hundred seventy-five (30,475), according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census, subject to the further provisions of this chapter other than § 57-4-103.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-102(19), is amended by adding the following new subitem:

() "Restaurant" also means a facility:

(i) located within one-half (1/2) mile of the railroad tracks in the unincorporated area of any county having a population of not less than thirty thousand two hundred (30,200) nor more than thirty thousand four hundred seventy-five (30,475), according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census;

(ii) whose primary source of income is from serving meals to its patrons, both indoors and out-of-doors, and has a total seating capacity of at least seventy-five (75) people at tables;

(iii) located in a building having a total square footage of at least twenty-five hundred (2,500) square feet which was constructed prior to 1925; and

(iv) which is located on a site used during the Civil War or within two (2) miles of two (2) or more Civil War sites, or is within one and one-half miles of a home that was built in 1884 and is preserved as the area's best example of the Queen Anne and Eastlake architectural styles.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999, the public welfare requiring it.