

SENATE BILL 3257  
By Ford J

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, Chapter 3,  
relative to liquor retailer's licenses.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-213, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(\_) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this part or any other law to the contrary, upon paying the appropriate fee and providing notification and information satisfactory to the commission, the holder of a liquor retailer's license, if in good standing, may temporarily deactivate such license for a period not in excess of eighteen (18) months following the date on which the holder:

(A) Sells the location for which the license was issued;

(B) Leases, subleases or conveys possession of the location for which the license was issued; or

(C) Otherwise withdraws voluntarily from the business of selling at retail liquor in sealed packages for consumption off the premises.

(2) During the period of such deactivation, the tolling of the twelve (12) month period imposed pursuant to § 57-3-213(a), shall be suspended and such license shall not expire. Upon paying the appropriate fee and providing notification and information satisfactory to the commission, the holder of such license, if in good standing, may re-activate such license and engage again, at such location, in the business of selling at retail liquor in sealed packages for consumption off the premises. Upon such re-activation, the tolling of the twelve (12) month period imposed pursuant to § 57-3-213(a), shall resume.

(3) For purposes of this subsection, a license deactivation fee and a license re-activation fee of one hundred dollars (\$100), each, shall be collected by the commission.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000, the public welfare requiring it.