

HOUSE BILL 2571

By Hackworth

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-102, relative to consumption of alcoholic beverages on premises of community theaters.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-102(12), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

(E) "Community theater" also includes a privately owned facility possessing each of the following characteristics:

- (i) Is a community theatre in continuous operation since 1943;
- (ii) Is primarily a volunteer organization with limited salaried staff;
- (iii) Has an auditorium with more than three hundred (300) seats;
- (iv) Is located on a historic square and is allowed to sell alcoholic beverages at up to five (5) special events annually that are held on the historic square along with being allowed to sell alcoholic beverages as provided in subdivision (C); and
- (iv) Is located in any county having a population of not less than seventy-one thousand three hundred (71,300) nor more than seventy-one thousand four hundred (71,400), according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.