

**STATE OF TENNESSEE**  
**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 168**  
**SENATE BILL NO. 1511**

**By Overbey**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1741

By Montgomery

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, Chapter 4, Part 1, relative to consumption of alcoholic beverages on premises.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-102(15), is amended by adding the following language as new, appropriately designated subdivisions:

( ) "Historic inn" also means a country inn that is located in any county having a population of not less than seventy-one thousand one hundred (71,100) nor more than seventy-one thousand two hundred (71,200), according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census, and has the following characteristics:

(A) Has been in operation since 1938;

(B) Is located within one-half (1/2) mile of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park;

(C) Has a total of twenty-four (24) guest rooms and a dining facility offering fine dining to guests and other patrons with a seating capacity of no more than sixty (60); and

(D) Does not discriminate against any patron on the basis of age, gender, race, religion or national origin.

( ) "Historic inn" also means an inn that has all of the following characteristics:

(i) Contains at least ten (10) transient guest rooms in the main house;

(ii) Has a separate meeting lodge and facility that also houses at least four (4) transient suites;

(iii) Has at least two (2) kitchens on the premises and offers at least two (2) meals daily;

(iv) Has an open-air, outdoor, sylvan chapel suitable for the accommodation of wedding ceremonies;

(v) Provides entertainment in the form of cooking demonstrations, storytelling and dulcimer playing;

(vi) Is listed in *Distinguished Inns of North America*, 16th Edition, by Select Registry;

(vii) Is located in any county having a population of not less than one hundred five thousand eight hundred (105,800) nor more than one hundred five thousand nine hundred (105,900), according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census; and

(viii) Does not discriminate against any patron on the basis of age, gender, race, religion or national origin;

SECTION 2. For purposes of § 57-4-301, the annual taxes imposed for an historic inn shall be equal to the tax assessed for an historic mansion house site.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 23, 2009**

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 7th day of May 2009**

  
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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR