

SENATE BILL 671

By Beavers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-5-301, relative to the sale of beer.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-5-301(a)(1), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (a)(1)(A) and by adding the following language as a new subdivision (B):

(B)

(i) As used in this subdivision (a)(1)(B) "self-checkout machine" means a mechanism for customers to pay for purchases from a retailer without direct input to the process by the retailer's staff.

(ii) No customer shall be permitted to use the self-checkout machine to purchase beer from a permit holder engaging in the business regulated under this chapter.

(iii) The permit holder shall post signs on the premises near the self-checkout machines to notify customers that they are not permitted to use the self-checkout machines for the purchase of beer.

(iv) Notwithstanding subdivision (a)(1)(B)(ii), if a customer who is twenty-one (21) years of age or older uses the self-checkout machine for the purchase of beer, such customer shall not be charged with a violation of subdivision (a)(1)(B).

(v) If a customer under the age of twenty-one (21) uses the self-checkout machine for the purchase of beer, the permit holder is authorized to hold and shall hold the customer in custody until the local law enforcement is notified and

arrives at the premises of the permit holder to take the person into custody for illegally purchasing beer in accordance with subsection (d).

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