

HOUSE BILL 756

By Holt

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39;
Title 40 and Title 57, to prohibit the serving of
alcoholic beverages or beer to a pregnant woman.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-1-211, is amended by adding the following language as new subsections:

(e)

(1) Each licensee which sells alcoholic beverages or beer for consumption on the premises shall post, in a prominent place easily seen by its customers and employees, a warning sign supplied by the alcoholic beverage commission. The sign shall contain a warning that provides substantially as follows:

PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED § 57-3-414,
IT IS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR TO SERVE ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES OR BEER TO A PREGNANT WOMAN.

(2) The alcoholic beverage commission shall prepare the sign required by subdivision (e)(1) and make such sign available at no cost to each licensee by August 30, 2015.

(f)

(1) Each holder of a beer permit which sells beer for consumption on the premises shall post, in a prominent place easily seen by its customers and employees, a warning sign supplied by the issuing local beer board. The sign shall contain a warning that provides substantially as follows:

PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED § 57-3-414,
IT IS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR TO SERVE ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES OR BEER TO A PREGNANT WOMAN.

(2) Each local beer board shall prepare a sign that meets the requirements of subdivision (f)(1) and make the sign available at no cost to each holder of a beer permit within the local beer board's jurisdiction by August 30, 2015.

(g) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a licensee which sells alcoholic beverages or beer for consumption on the premises or the holder of a beer permit to post more than one (1) sign notifying customers and employees of § 57-3-414 as required by subdivision (e)(1) or (f)(1).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, Chapter 3, Part 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

57-3-414.

(a) It is an offense for a person to serve alcoholic beverages or beer to a pregnant woman if the person:

- (1) Is authorized by law to serve alcoholic beverages or beer for on-premises consumption;
- (2) Knows or should know that the woman is pregnant; and
- (3) Serves the alcoholic beverage or beer in the course of employment.

(b) A violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.