

HOUSE BILL 72

By Howell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17; Title 43, Chapter 27 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to hemp-derived cannabinoids.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 43-27-203(d), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subsection:

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SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 43-27-204(b), is amended by deleting the language "to a customer." and substituting instead the following:

to a customer or an employee of the retail establishment who is younger than twenty-one (21) years of age. It is unlawful for a retailer to knowingly allow an employee younger than twenty-one (21) years of age to access, handle, or sell any product containing a hemp-derived cannabinoid on the premises of the retail establishment.

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Gardenhire
Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 215

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