

**SENATE BILL 841**

By Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7,  
Chapter 51, relative to adult cabaret  
entertainment.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-1102, is amended by adding the following new subdivisions:

( ) "Adult cabaret entertainment":

(A) Means entertainment suitable for mature audiences, including entertainment erotic in nature, and featuring go-go dancers, exotic dancers, topless dancers, male or female impersonators, or similar entertainers; and

(B) Includes a single performance or multiple performances by an entertainer;

( ) "Compensation" means a salary, wage, fee, payment, reimbursement, or other valuable consideration;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-1102(2), is amended by deleting the second sentence and substituting instead the following:

"Adult cabaret" includes a commercial establishment that features adult cabaret entertainment as a principal use of its business;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-1102(10), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(10) "Entertainer" means a person who provides:

(A) Entertainment within an adult-oriented establishment, regardless of whether a fee is charged or accepted for entertainment and regardless of

whether entertainment is provided as an employee, escort, or an independent contractor; or

(B) Adult cabaret entertainment, regardless of whether a fee is charged or accepted for entertainment and regardless of whether entertainment is provided as an employee or an independent contractor;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-1115, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection (b):

(b) A person shall not provide adult cabaret entertainment for compensation without a valid permit issued by the board pursuant to this part.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-1114, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(h) A public, private, or commercial establishment shall not allow a person younger than eighteen (18) years of age to attend a performance featuring adult cabaret entertainment.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-1401, is amended by deleting subdivision (2) and adding the following as new subdivisions:

( ) "Adult cabaret" means a cabaret that features adult cabaret entertainment;

( ) "Adult cabaret entertainment":

(A) Means entertainment suitable for mature audiences, including entertainment erotic in nature, and featuring go-go dancers, exotic dancers, topless dancers, male or female impersonators, or similar entertainers; and


(B) Includes a single performance or multiple performances by an entertainer;

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 51, Part 14, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

A public, private, or commercial establishment shall not allow a person younger than eighteen (18) years of age to attend a performance featuring adult cabaret entertainment.

SECTION 8. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-1102, is amended by adding the following new subdivisions:

( ) "Adult cabaret entertainment":

(A) Means adult-oriented performances that are harmful to minors, as that term is defined in § 39-17-901, and that feature topless dancers, go-go dancers, exotic dancers, strippers, male or female impersonators, or similar entertainers; and

(B) Includes a single performance or multiple performances by an entertainer;

( ) "Compensation" means a salary, wage, fee, payment, reimbursement, or other valuable consideration;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-1102(2), is amended by deleting the second sentence and substituting instead the following:

"Adult cabaret" includes a commercial establishment that features adult cabaret entertainment as a principal use of its business;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-1102(10), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

( ) "Entertainer" means a person who provides:

(A) Entertainment within an adult-oriented establishment, regardless of whether a fee is charged or accepted for entertainment and regardless of



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whether entertainment is provided as an employee, escort, or an independent contractor; or

(B) A performance of actual or simulated specified sexual activities, including removal of articles of clothing or appearing unclothed, regardless of whether a fee is charged or accepted for the performance and regardless of whether the performance is provided as an employee or an independent contractor;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-1115, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection (b):

(b) A person shall not provide adult cabaret entertainment for compensation without a valid permit issued by the board pursuant to this part.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-1114, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(h) A public, private, or commercial establishment shall not allow a person younger than eighteen (18) years of age to attend a performance featuring adult cabaret entertainment.

SECTION 6. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.