

Amendment No. 1 to SB2157

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Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 2157*

House Bill No. 2366

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, is amended by adding the following as a new chapter:

7-92-101. Chapter definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Local government" means an incorporated city or town, county, or metropolitan form of government; and

(2) "Tourism development zone" means a geographical area within the jurisdiction of a local government that has been designated as a tourism development zone under chapter 88 of this title, or by ordinance or resolution of a local government.

7-92-102. Tourism development zone access.

(a) Except as otherwise authorized pursuant to subsection (b), a local government shall not block streets or other rights-of-way within a tourism development zone in a manner that disrupts the operation of businesses within the tourism development zone; prohibits the delivery of goods, services, merchandise, food, and beverages to businesses and patrons within the tourism development zone; or prohibits taxis, public transportation vehicles, or ride sharing companies from picking up or dropping off persons within the tourism development zone.

(b) A local government may temporarily prohibit ingress or egress or block streets or other rights-of-way into or within a tourism development zone:

(1) For purposes of providing exclusive access to first responders during an emergency;

(2) For an event hosted by the local government pursuant to a contract between the local government and an event operator or event promoter;

(3) For construction, maintenance, repair, or improvement of public or private infrastructure, buildings, or utilities, including activities authorized through a local government permitting process; and

(4) In accordance with applicable rules prescribed pursuant to § 7-92-104.

7-92-103. Jurisdiction of Tennessee highway patrol.

Notwithstanding another law, the Tennessee highway patrol established pursuant to title 4, chapter 7, part 1, has concurrent law enforcement authority with local law enforcement agencies, including the power to arrest, carry a firearm, and investigate crime within a tourism development zone in this state.

7-92-104. Designation of economic protection zones.

(a) The department of tourism, in collaboration with the department of economic and community development, shall promulgate rules designating tourism development zones in this state as economic protection zones for the purposes of protecting and stimulating economic activity within the tourism development zones. The rules:

(1) Apply uniformly to tourism development zones in this state; and

(2) Must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, codified in title 4, chapter 5.

(b) Rules promulgated under subsection (a) must:

(1) Regulate ingress and egress into businesses and public property in a manner that facilitates access to tourists and residents;

(2) Regulate unlawful loitering, sitting, camping, or sleeping on public property in a manner that maintains ingress and egress into places of business

and maintains clear each street, alley, sidewalk, park, plaza, parking lot, driveway, right-of-way, public building, or other location open to or accessible by the public for the purpose of facilitating vehicular and pedestrian traffic;

(3) Regulate sanitation, including trash, litter, and debris removal and street cleaning, remediation of noxious odors, and pest control; and

(4) Facilitate enhanced marketing and promotion of businesses, the attraction of events and customers, and the creation of programs for general economic development and sustainability.

(c) Rules promulgated under subsection (a) that apply to tourism development zones in this state preempt local laws, ordinances, resolutions, or policies in conflict with the rules.

SECTION 2. For purposes of promulgating rules, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect January 1, 2027, the public welfare requiring it.