

CHAPTER NO. 135

HOUSE BILL NO. 1495

By Representative Scroggs

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1426

By Senator Haun

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to modes of commercial transportation in certain cities.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated chapter:

(a) As used in this act:

(1) "Pedal carriages," (also known as "quadricycles"), shall mean a non-motorized bicycle with four (4) or more wheels operated by one or more persons for the purpose of, or capable of, transporting additional passengers in seats or on a platform made a part of or otherwise attached to the pedal carriage. The term shall not include a bicycle with trainer or beginner wheels affixed thereto, nor shall it include a wheelchair or other vehicle with the purpose of operation by or for the transportation of a handicapped person, nor shall it include a tricycle built for a child or an adult with a seat for only one operator and no passenger.

(2) "Rickshaws," (also known as "pedicabs"), shall mean a non-motorized bicycle with three (3) wheels operated by one person for the purpose of, or capable of, transporting additional passengers in seats or on a platform made a part of or otherwise attached to the rickshaw. This definition shall not include a bicycle built for two (2) where the operators are seated one behind the other, nor shall it include the operation of a bicycle with trainer or beginner wheels affixed thereto, nor shall it include a wheelchair or other vehicle with the purpose of operation by or for the transportation of a handicapped person.

(b) By ordinance of its legislative body, any home rule municipality or metropolitan government may authorize, regulate and control the commercial use of pedal carriages and rickshaws as modes of transportation-for-hire within entertainment, dining, scenic and/or historic areas of the center city. The provisions of such ordinances shall be reasonably related to promotion and protection of the health, safety and welfare of operators, passengers, pedestrians, motorists and others visiting or working within the center city.

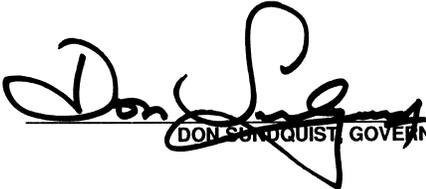
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 29, 1999


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 12th day of May 1999


DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR