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## **REP. SHIPLEY LEADS FIGHT TO PROTECT MUNICIPAL TAXPAYERS**

KINGSPORT, Tenn. – State Rep. Tony Shipley (R-Kingsport) this week led a fight to save municipal taxpayers thousands – and perhaps even millions – of tax dollars.

Legislation killed by Shipley would have made not-for-profit organizations serving city governments non-competitive with for-profit companies.

Although a bill sponsor initially, Shipley met and discussed the issue with both sides.

“My number one goal is to look out for my constituents and the taxpayers of this state,” Shipley says. “After a thorough investigation and discussions with interested parties and colleagues, I realized this legislation was not in the best interest of our citizens. While at first glance the legislation was appealing, a closer look revealed it could raise insurance costs for cities and towns across Tennessee, ultimately raising taxpayer costs.”

Shipley says he is well aware that every tax dollar citizens do not have to pay makes it easier to sell Tennessee to future employers and employees alike. He continues with his focus and work of rebuilding Tennessee’s economy.

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