

HOUSE BILL 2520

By Armstrong

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57,
Chapter 4, Part 1, relative to consumption of
alcoholic beverages on premises.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-102(8), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (L):

(i) "Club" also means a for-profit recreational club, organized and existing under the laws of this state, which is located in a county having a population of not less than four hundred thirty-two thousand two hundred (432,200) nor more than four hundred thirty-two thousand three hundred (432,300) as of the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census, and further possesses the following characteristics:

(a) Has at least three hundred (300) members, as of December 23, 2015, paying dues with a copy of membership applications on file on the premises and which issues to its members a membership card which authorizes admittance of the member and bona fide guests of such member;

(b) Is organized and operated exclusively for recreation and provides a regulation eighteen-hole golf course for the use of its members and guests, and also may offer for the use of its members and guests a swimming pool and other recreational amenities;

(c) Has a clubhouse with not less than ten thousand square feet (10,000 sq. ft.) with a suitable kitchen, dining facilities, and equipment, serving at least one (1) meal daily at least five (5) days a week;

(d) The club may not compensate or pay any officer, director, agent, or employee any profits from the sale of alcoholic or malt beverages based on the volume of those beverages sold; and

(e) The premises, as provided in § 57-4-101(a)(2) for a club, whether such parcels comprising the club premises are contiguous or not, shall also include the golf course, including beverage carts; tennis courts; all areas of the clubhouse; the area immediately surrounding the swimming pool, if a club offers such amenities; and all other related recreational facilities; and

(f) Does not discriminate against members or potential members or bona fide guests of such members on the basis of gender, race, religion, or national origin.

(ii) It is the express intention of the general assembly that the law concerning the purchase or possession of alcoholic beverages by persons under twenty-one (21) years of age be strictly enforced by the club.

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

it.