

CHAPTER 494

H.B. No. 1977

AN ACT

relating to the removal of beverages from the premises of a private club and further defining certain premises.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 32.15, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 32.15. REMOVAL OF BEVERAGES FROM PREMISES. A private club, irrespective of location or system of storage of alcoholic beverages, may not permit any person to remove any alcoholic beverages from the club premises, *except as authorized by Subsection (b) of Section 28.10 of this code.*

SECTION 2. Section 32.11(a)(1), Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Fraternal organization" means:

(A) any chapter, aerie, parlor, lodge, or other local unit of an American national fraternal organization or Texas state fraternal organization that, as the owner, lessee, or occupant, has operated an establishment for fraternal purposes for at least one year. If an American national fraternal organization, it must actively operate in not fewer than 31 states and have at least 300 local units in those 31 states, and must have been in active, continuous existence for at least 20 years. If a Texas state fraternal organization, it must actively operate in at least two counties of the state and have at least 10 local units in those two counties, and must have been in active, continuous existence for at least five years; [or]

(B) a hall association or building association of a local unit described in Paragraph (A), all the capital stock of which is owned by the local unit or the members of the local unit, and which operates the clubroom facilities of the local unit; or

(C) a building association not owned by a local unit described in Paragraph (A) but one that is composed wholly of members appointed by a county commissioners court to administer, manage, and control an exposition center containing an exhibition area of not less than 100,000 square feet and an arena with not less than 6,000 fixed seats, situated on property with an area of not less than 50 acres that is owned, together with all buildings, appurtenances, and parking areas, by a county.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 15, 1987, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1977 on May 26, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 17, 1987.

Effective Aug. 31, 1987, 90 days after date of adjournment.