

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1535

By: Easley and Monson of the
Senate

and

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An Act relating to intoxicating liquors; amending Section 4, Chapter 391, O.S.L. 1999 (37 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 518.3), as amended by Section 2 of Enrolled House Bill No. 2188 of the 2nd Session of the 47th Oklahoma Legislature, which relates to the location of beverage establishments and clubs; adding beer and wine establishments to location prohibition; clarifying license renewal provisions; clarifying date of effect; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 391, O.S.L. 1999 (37 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 518.3), as amended by Section 2 of Enrolled House Bill No. 2188 of the 2nd Session of the 47th Oklahoma Legislature, is amended to read as follows:

Section 518.3 A. It shall be unlawful for any mixed beverage establishment, beer and wine establishment, or bottle club which has been licensed by the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission and which has as its main purpose the selling or serving of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, or retail package store, to be located within three hundred (300) feet of any public or private school or church property primarily and regularly used for worship services and religious activities. The distance indicated in this section shall be measured from the nearest property line of such public or private school or church to the nearest perimeter wall of the premises of any such mixed beverage establishment, beer and wine establishment, bottle club, or retail package store which has been licensed to sell alcoholic beverages. The provisions of this section shall not apply to mixed beverage establishments, beer and wine establishments, or bottle clubs, which have been licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption or retail package stores prior to ~~the effective date of this act~~ November 1, 2000; provided, if at the time of application for license renewal the licensed location has not been in actual operation for a continuous period of more than sixty (60) days, the license shall not be renewed. If any school or church shall be established within three hundred (300) feet of any retail package store, mixed beverage establishment, beer and wine establishment, or bottle club subject to the provisions of this section after such retail package store, mixed beverage establishment, beer and wine

establishment, or bottle club has been licensed, the provisions of this section shall not be a deterrent to the renewal of such license if there has not been a lapse of more than sixty (60) days. When any mixed beverage establishment, beer and wine establishment, or bottle club subject to the provisions of this section which has a license to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption or retail package store changes ownership or the operator thereof is changed and such change of ownership results in the same type of business being conducted on the premises, the provisions of this section shall not be a deterrent to the issuance of a license to the new owner or operator if he or she is otherwise qualified.

B. 1. Any interested party may protest the application for or granting of a license for a retail package store, or for a mixed beverage establishment, beer and wine establishment, or bottle club which has as its main purpose the selling or serving of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, ~~or retail package store, license~~ based on an alleged violation of this section. To be considered by the ABLE Commission, the protest must:

- a. be submitted in writing,
- b. be signed by the person protesting,
- c. contain the mailing address and address of residence, if different from the mailing address of the protester,
- d. contain the title of the person signing the protest, if the person is acting in an official capacity as a church or school official, and
- e. contain a concise statement explaining why the application is being protested.

2. Within thirty (30) days of the date of receipt of a written protest, the ABLE Commission shall conduct a hearing on the protest if the protest meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this subsection.

3. As used in this subsection, "interested party" means:

- a. a parent or legal guardian whose child or children attend the church or school which is alleged to be closer to the mixed beverage establishment or bottle club which has as its main purpose the selling or serving of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, or retail package store, than is allowed by this section,
- b. an official of a church which is alleged to be closer to the mixed beverage establishment or bottle club which has as its main purpose the selling or serving of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, or retail package store, than is allowed by this section, or

- c. an official of a school which is alleged to be closer to the mixed beverage establishment or bottle club which has as its main purpose the selling or serving of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, or retail package store, than is allowed by this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2000.

Passed the Senate the 24th day of May, 2000.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of May, 2000.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives