



HOUSE BILL 389: ABC/Univ Athletic Facility.

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Analysis of:	S.L. 2019-52		Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2019-52 authorizes public colleges and universities to allow alcohol sales at stadiums, athletic facilities, and arenas located on school property with the approval of the Board of Trustees. Only malt beverages and wine may be sold when the facility is being used for a sports event sponsored by the public college or university. This act does not apply to community colleges. See the full summary for additional requirements.*

This act became effective June 26, 2019.

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 18B-1006(a) prohibits the issuance of permits for the sale of alcoholic beverages to businesses on the campus or property of a public school, college or university, unless a specific exception applies.

BILL ANALYSIS:

This act creates a new exception to authorize the issuance of permits for the sale of alcoholic beverages at stadiums, athletic facilities, or arenas on the campus or property of a public college or university if (i) the Board of Trustees has voted to allow the issuance of permits at that particular stadium, athletic facility, or arena, and (ii) the Board has notified the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission of that vote. This exception does not apply to community colleges.

If the Board of Trustees has authorized the issuance of permits, permits for the sale and serving of alcohol can be issued to applicants that meet the requirements for the requested permit. However, if a mixed beverage permit is issued, sales of mixed beverages are not allowed when the stadium, athletic facility, or arena is being used for a sports event sponsored by the public college or university. Sales that are already allowed under the current statutory exceptions are not affected by the provisions of this exception.

For the purpose of issuing permits pursuant to this exception, the premises of a stadium, athletic facility, or arena can include any area within 500 feet of the facility, designated by the facility in a written description or map that clearly defines the boundary of the area, and that can be designated in a way to ensure compliance with the alcohol laws. The written description or map of the area must be included in the permit application.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act became effective June 26, 2019.

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