



# SENATE BILL 599: Open Skating Rinks/Bowling Alleys.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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**OVERVIEW:** *The PCS for Senate Bill 599 removes the prior contents of the bill and would do the following:*

- *Authorize existing skating rinks and bowling alleys to open and resume operations, provided specific conditions are met.*
- *Temporarily allow minor league baseball stadiums with existing food and beverage establishments to have outdoor seating up to ten percent (10%) of the permanent seating capacity of the stadium provided certain conditions are met.*

### CURRENT LAW and BACKGROUND:

- On March 10, 2020, by Executive Order No. 116, Governor Cooper declared a State of Emergency to address COVID-19.
- On March 23, 2020, under Executive Order No. 120, Governor Cooper ordered entertainment facilities without a retail or dining component to close at 5:00 p.m. on March 25, 2020. Skating rinks and bowling alleys were among the listed businesses ordered to close. The Order was to remain in effect for 30 days.
- On April 23, 2020, Governor Cooper extended the restrictions in Executive Order No. 120 to remain in effect until 5:00 p.m. on May 8, 2020.
- On May 5, 2020, by Executive Order No. 138 (Phase One), Governor Cooper extended the closure of skating rinks and bowling alleys until 5:00 p.m. on May 22, 2020.
- On May 20, 2020, through Executive Order No. 141 (Phase Two), Governor Cooper ordered skating rinks and bowling alleys to remain closed until June 26th at 5:00 p.m.

### BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 of the PCS would allow skating rinks and bowling alleys to open and resume operations if all the following conditions are met:

- In existence on March 10, 2020, or had valid certificate of occupancy and business licensed issued by that date;
- Indoor capacity, excluding employees, limited to 50% of the fire capacity;

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- Employees must answer a health questionnaire, have their temperature taken, and wear a face mask;
- Contactless check-in is available, with proper social distancing in the check-in area;
- Sanitation spray bottles, disinfectant wipes, and hand sanitizer comprised of at least 60% alcohol are available;
- Employees conduct frequent cleanings of high-touch areas and a deep cleaning of the entire establishment once per day;
- Social distancing of at least 6 feet for equipment and signage directing foot traffic;
- Personal hygiene areas and amenity services closed, except for toilets, lavatories, and lockers;
- Water fountains limited to filling water bottles only;
- Signage throughout about social distancing and sanitation requirements.

Section 2 would allow minor league baseball stadiums with an existing food and beverage establishment to temporarily provide outdoor food and drink service, with a seating capacity limited to ten percent (10%) of the permanent seating capacity of the stadium, if :

- House Bill 594, 2019 Regular Session, becomes law; and
- The conditions provided in H594 are met.

## **EFFECTIVE DATE:**

Section 1 would become effective when it becomes law and expire when any applicable declaration of emergency prohibitions and restrictions expire or are terminated to permit skating rinks and bowling alleys to open for full unrestricted operations.

Section 2 would become effective when it becomes law and expire the later of either (i) 30 days after any applicable declaration of emergency prohibitions and restrictions expire or are otherwise terminated to permit full unrestricted service of food and drink or (ii) October 31, 2020.