



2023-2024 General Assembly

# SENATE BILL 527: ABC Omnibus 2023-24, Sec. 33: Amend the Definition of "Sports Club" to Include Pickleball

**Committee:**  
**Introduced by:**  
**Analysis of:** Sec. 33 of S.L. 2024-41

**Date:** August 28, 2024  
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**OVERVIEW:** Section 33 of S.L. 2024-41 allows an establishment to qualify as a sports club for purposes of ABC permitting if, rather than an 18-hole golf course or two or more tennis courts, the establishment is in the business of providing four or more pickleball courts.

*This section became effective July 8, 2024.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Under prior existing law, a sports club was defined in relevant part as an establishment that is substantially engaged in the business of providing an 18-hole golf course, two or more tennis courts, or both. To qualify as a sports club, an establishment's gross receipts for club activities must be greater than its gross receipts for alcoholic beverages.

Depending on the location of the sports club, the sports club can obtain On- and Off-Premises Malt Beverage permits; on- and off-premises unfortified wine permits; on- and off-premises fortified wine permits; and mixed beverages permits.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Section 33 of S.L. 2024-41 allows an establishment to qualify as a sports club if, rather than an 18-hole golf course or two or more tennis courts, the establishment is in the business of providing four or more pickleball courts.

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