AMENDMENT SUMMARY: The proposed amendment clarifies private club advertising to allowing for viewing of consumption of alcohol. This proposed Amendment is in response to Act 801 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Arkansas General Assembly.

5.55 Advertising the Availability of Alcoholic Beverages to the Public by a Private Club in a Dry Area. Private clubs in any area of the state where the sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited by law ("dry" area) are prohibited from using the advertising media, including any signs or trade names on the exterior of the club building, to promote the consumption and use of alcoholic beverages within the club. The use of terms such as "happy hour", or any other term or brand name that generally identifies any brand or mixture of alcoholic beverages, is included in this prohibition. This prohibition does not require a private club to block visibility through the private club's windows or doors to prevent the general public from viewing patrons consuming alcoholic beverages, including without limitation through the use of window tinting.

No private club, located in either a "wet or dry" area of the state, may advertise or use any part of the advertising media to announce social functions of general interest to the membership, entertainment, or other similar activities within the confines of the club property, without preceding such advertisement or announcement with the words "Notice to Members" or "Attention Members" prominently displayed, and the name of the club or organization sponsoring such social activities. (Amended 8-21-13)

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Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 801 of the Regular Session

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: \$3/29/23	
2	94th General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2023		HOUSE BILL 1177
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5	By: Representative L. Johnson		
6	By: Senator B. Davis		
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8		For An Act To Be Entitled	
9	AN ACT TO A	MEND THE LAW REGARDING ALCOHOLI	C
10	BEVERAGES;	TO CLARIFY THE LAW REGARDING PR	RIVATE CLUB
11	ADVERTISING	; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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16	BEVERA	AGES TO CLARIFY THE LAW ON PRIVA	ATE
17	CLUB A	ADVERTISING.	
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20	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GE	ENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF	ARKANSAS:
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22	SECTION 1. Arkan	nsas Code § 3-9-226(b), concerni	ing advertising
23	alcoholic beverages at	a private club for on-premises	consumption, is amended
24	to add an additional su	bdivision to read as follows:	
25	(b) <u>(l)</u> It shall	be unlawful for a private club,	as defined in § 3-9-
26	202, to use the adverti	sing media to promote the consu	mption and use of
27	alcoholic beverages or	to advertise or announce the pr	rice of service of
28	alcoholic beverages for	on-premises consumption in a c	county where its voters
29	have not authorized the	e sale of intoxicating liquor in	n a local option
30	election under Initiate	ed Act No. 1 of 1942, as amended	l, §§ 3-8-201 - 3-8-203,
31	and 3-8-205 - 3-8-209.		
32	<u>(2)</u> The pr	ohibition on advertising or pro	moting the consumption
33	<u>of alcoholic beverages</u>	under subdivision (b)(l) of thi	s section does not
34	<u>require a private club</u>	to block visibility through the	e private club's windows
35	or doors to prevent the	e general public from viewing pa	atrons consuming
36	alcoholic beverages, in	ncluding without limitation thro	ough the use of window



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