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Law tells clubs: Make women equal

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What started as a liquor license bill turned into a major civil rights and public safety victory for state lawmakers.

State Sen. Lane Pollack, D-Ann Arbor, last year introduced a bill to lift the liquor licenses of country clubs discriminating against women golfers on tee times.

"That was absolutely wrong. We have civil rights protection," said Sen. Mat Dunaskis, R-Lake Orion, who recent Pollack's measure as a civil rights act.

"We should have the same procedure for rich country club women as for the poor black child," said Dunaskis, sponsor of Senate Bill 351.

"Ethnics had trouble with yacht clubs. They're quasi-public accommodations."

The new law applies to about 600 clubs, he said.

The origin of the problem was

country clubs that reserved certain tee-off times and tap rooms for men on the theory that men had to work. But Pollack objected because not all male patrons are workers, and not all females are in the leisure class.

The issue banged around in a conference committee of the House and Senate for a year, Dunaskis said. "There were a lot of subtleties," he added.

The final law applies to:

- Country clubs and golf clubs.
- Boat and yacht clubs.
- Sports and athletic clubs.
- Dining clubs, "except a club that in good faith limits its membership to the members of a particular religion."

When it finds violations, the Civil Rights Commission is to issue a cease-and-desist order and "shall" — not "may" — file a complaint with the Liquor Control Commission, too.

Dunaskis said country clubs

were selling classes of membership for particular tee-off times and tap rooms. Husband could buy an "A" membership for themselves and a "B" membership for their wives.

SB 351 changes this by requiring that memberships "must be equally available to all adults entitled to use the facilities."

Men-only tap rooms are prohibited.

Clubs may have separate lounges for boys and girls under age 18 but must have "comparable and equally convenient access to the club's facilities" for both sexes.

Dunaskis' bill amended the 1976 Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act. Chief co-sponsor was then-Sen. Mel Larsen, one of Dunaskis' predecessors in their northern Oak-

land County district.

"Not many people noticed that," said Dunaskis. "Mel was my mentor. He had a real sense of compassion and fairness."

Dunaskis' conference committee version won 99-3 approval in the Senate and 99-3 approval in the House. All area lawmakers voted yes. The nay votes were cast by Republican Rep. William Bryant of Grosse Pointe, Margaret O'Connor of Saline and Tim Walberg of Tipton.

Pollack called a news conference at the tournament at Walnut Hills Country Club but didn't bring in Dunaskis. Nor did she mention that Gov. John Engler would sign the bill into law at the same time.

GOP women host candidates

The Birmingham Republican Women's Club and the Bloomfield Republican Women's Club are sponsoring a "Candidate's Night" beginning at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 17 at Bloomfield Township Hall, 4200 Telegraph Road.

All area candidates for U.S. House of Representatives, state representative, Oakland County ex-

ecutive, sheriff, clerk, treasurer, drain commissioner, county board and township officers are invited to attend.

After coffee, each candidate will give a short speech followed by a question and answer period. All interested voters are invited. Call 626-2654 or 355-5662 for more information.

Area golf clubs pledge compliance

Most spokesmen at country clubs in the Observer & Eccentric area said they do not expect any problems complying with the new law. Some would not comment, but those who responded emphasized that they intend to comply with the law.

A representative from Bloomfield Hills Country Club said the club probably would not have to make any changes to accommodate House Bill 351. The representative added that the club has had women members since 1911 and has no rooms (other than the locker and restrooms) which exclude members by gender.

Tom Murphy, general manager of Southfield's Plum Hollow Country Club, said the law would prompt some changes in the club, but declined to comment further.

The bill is under review at the Birmingham Country Club, according to Jerry McAuliffe, club general manager.

"I'm not certain at this point what changes will have to be made. We've referred it to our by-laws committee, and we're ex-

pecting a report within the month," McAuliffe said.

Charles Bokus, president of Western Golf and Country Club in Redford Township, said: "We haven't had an opportunity to review the law to see how it applies."

However, Bokus, an attorney who lives in Westland, said the club will comply with the law. He added that Western has no women voting members.

Officials at Meadowbrook in Northville Township could not be reached for comment.

A Meadowbrook member who asked that his name not be used said he doesn't have a problem with the law but believes it may be challenged in court.

"Someone... somewhere" will probably make a case of it. But I hope it's not my club," he said.

Donald McBride, president of Oakland Hills Country Club, said: "As far as our membership policy, it's not going to change things."

The Bloomfield Hills club has admitted female members since 1988.

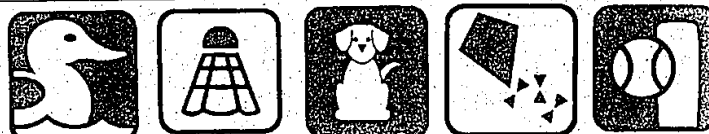
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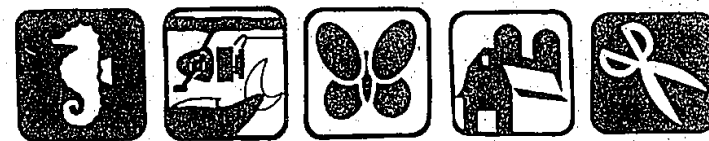
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