

handle any more pickle cards. Lots of times what will happen is there has been a charity that the bar, for some reason or another, is particularly fond of. It will be a charity that's in the neighborhood, it will be a charity that the owner of the bar is associated with somehow and that they simply would like to give proceeds to. You know, since we're using charitable gaming, they would like that charity to benefit as opposed to another one that might come in. So that's why, when you're a charity and you'd like to take advantage of the opportunities that charitable gaming offers, and sometimes the truth of the matter is that you simply can't find an outlet, a bar or a liquor store that is willing to handle your pickle cards for one of the reasons that I just mentioned. So that's the situation that we're in. That's the situation that has resulted in what I view as discriminatory treatment for some charities in that they just happened to sell their cards through a convenience store beforehand. In answer to Senator Moore's question about the number of stores that we're talking about, the number of additional outlets, I don't know, Senator Moore, the only stores that we'd be talking about expanding it to would be those stores that have liquor licenses but also sell enough other goods that they don't reach that 75 percent threshold. All Senator Lynch is doing with his amendment is eliminating that 75 percent threshold. It still is a store that sells alcohol, they sell cigarettes, they sell other things that presumably we don't want minors to have access to, yet minors are allowed in those stores now, and the theory behind the amendment is simply if they have access to those other things potentially that are illegal, what's the difference between allowing them access to pickle cards which are also illegal? It's the responsibility of the store owner who is licensed to sell those cards to make sure that he doesn't sell to minors just as it is his responsibility not to sell cigarettes to minors and not to sell alcohol to minors.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: There is no one else wishing to speak on the bill, or the amendment. Senator Lynch, would you like to close?

SENATOR LYNCH: Madam Chair, members, I'd like to yield the first minute or two to Senator Smith.