

House Bill No. 1245

An act relating to Hillsborough County; authorizing the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation to issue an alcoholic beverage license to the Arts Council of Hillsborough County for use within the Tampa Theatre; providing that the license may be used for special events only; providing for payment of the license fee by the council; providing for sale of beverages for consumption within the theatre; prohibiting sales for consumption off the premises; providing that purchasers may remove partially consumed, open containers from the premises; providing for temporary transfer of the license; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation is authorized, upon application, to issue an alcoholic beverage license in accordance with section 561.17, Florida Statutes, to the Arts Council of Hillsborough County, hereinafter referred to as "the council," an independent district in Hillsborough County located at 1000 N. Ashley Street, Suite 105, Tampa, for use by the council within the building known as the Tampa Theatre, hereinafter referred to as "the theatre," located at 711 North Franklin Street, Tampa. The council shall pay the applicable license fee provided in section 565.02, Florida Statutes. The license may be used for special events only.

Section 2. Alcoholic beverages may be sold by the licensee for consumption within the theatre. The license issued pursuant to this act shall not permit the sale of alcoholic beverages in sealed containers for consumption outside the building. Nothing in this act shall prevent a purchaser of such alcoholic beverages from removing an opened, partially consumed container of alcoholic beverages from the premises of the theatre.

Section 3. The license may be transferred from time to time to qualified applicants who are either authorized by or under contract with the council to provide food services at the theatre. Upon termination of a transferee's authorization or contract, the license automatically reverts by operation of law to the council.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 1, 2005.

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