

House Bill No. 1445

An act relating to the City of Tallahassee, Leon County; authorizing the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to issue up to a specified number of temporary permits to a nonprofit civic organization to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises at outdoor events on public right-of-way in the downtown area of Tallahassee; providing that such events require a street-closure permit from the City of Tallahassee; providing that the permits authorized by the act are in addition to certain other authorized temporary permits; requiring the nonprofit civic organization to comply with certain statutory requirements in obtaining the permits authorized by the act; requiring the division to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation may issue to a bona fide nonprofit civic organization, upon application and presentation of a valid street-closure permit issued by the City of Tallahassee, a temporary permit authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises at outdoor events on public right-of-way in the downtown area of Tallahassee. Any such nonprofit civic organization may be issued up to 15 temporary permits per calendar year, and each temporary permit is valid for up to 3 days. For purposes of this act, the downtown area of Tallahassee is that area beginning at the intersection of Wahnish Way and West Orange Avenue, running north along Wahnish Way, Railroad Avenue, and Macomb Street to West Park Avenue, then east to North Meridian Street, then south to Apalachee Parkway, then east to Suwannee Street, then south to Myers Park Drive, then east to Golf Terrace Drive, then south to East Magnolia Drive, then west to South Meridian Street, then south to East Orange Avenue, then west to the point of beginning at the intersection of Wahnish Way and West Orange Avenue, the total area encompassing approximately 1.5 square miles.

(2) The temporary permits authorized by this act are in addition to the three temporary permits authorized per year for a nonprofit civic organization pursuant to section 561.422, Florida Statutes.

(3) The nonprofit civic organization shall comply with all other requirements of section 561.422, Florida Statutes, in obtaining the temporary permits authorized by this act.

(4) On or before October 1, 2008, the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 120, Florida Statutes, to administer this act. Such rules shall include permitting procedures and application forms.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 17, 2008.

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