

CHAPTER 2012-241

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 637

An act relating to Citrus County; amending chapter 84-409, Laws of Florida, as amended; revising criteria for special alcoholic beverage licenses for restaurants within the county; providing construction; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 84-409, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 86-391, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any Citrus County ordinance or special law prescribing standards for special restaurant alcoholic beverage licenses, or any general law limiting the number of alcoholic beverage licenses in a county, the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco shall issue a special alcoholic beverage license to any restaurant in Citrus County which meets all of the following minimum criteria:

- (a) Two thousand five hundred 2,500 square feet of service area.
- (b) Equipment to serve 150 persons full-course meals at tables. ~~at one time~~
- (c) ~~Fifty-one~~ 51 percent of its gross revenue is from the sale of food and nonalcoholic beverages.
- (d) Alcoholic beverage consumption is limited to table service with meals.
- (e) ~~no cocktail lounge or open bar on the premises.~~

However, any restaurant licensed under this section that maintains a service area of 4,000 square feet or more of service area may provide a cocktail lounge or open bar on the premises, and alcoholic beverage consumption within the cocktail lounge or open bar is not limited to table service with meals. Any restaurant licensed under this section that maintains a service area of 2,500 square feet or more, but less than 4,000 square feet, may provide a cocktail lounge or open bar on the premises that serves up to 10 percent of the capacity of the restaurant, and alcoholic beverage consumption within the cocktail lounge or open bar is not limited to table service with meals. Nothing in this act shall be construed to permit sales of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption.

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

Approved by the Governor March 23, 2012.

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