

CHAPTER 2021-264

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1645

An act relating to the City of Freeport, Walton County; providing exceptions to general law; providing requirements for a specialty center designation; authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises of a specialty center under certain conditions; providing that an applicant for an alcoholic beverage license to be located in a specialty center may not be denied licensure under certain conditions; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding s. 561.20(2), Florida Statutes, or any other provision of law, the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation may designate property as a specialty center within the city of Freeport if a minimum of 25 acres adjacent to the specialty center was donated to the Walton County School Board and at the time of the donation the specialty center property and the donated property were owned by the same entity or an entity with common ownership. Such specialty center may not comprise more than 15 acres.

Section 2. Notwithstanding ss. 562.45 and 561.01(11), Florida Statutes, or any other provision of law, alcoholic beverages sold for consumption on the premises of a specialty center by a vendor may be consumed anywhere within the specialty center. An applicant for an alcoholic beverage license to be located in a specialty center may not be denied licensure based solely on distance from educational facilities if the shortest route of ordinary pedestrian travel along the public thoroughfare from the main entrance of the place of business to the main entrance of the school is at least 1,000 feet.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 29, 2021.

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