

CHAPTER 2025-248

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 4067

An act relating to special beverage licenses for equestrian sport facilities in Marion County; defining the term “equestrian sport facility”; providing for the issuance of special beverage licenses to certain equestrian sport facilities located in Marion County; authorizing the package sale of wine and malt beverages for off-premises consumption and the sale of all alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption under such licenses; providing for conditions and restrictions; providing for compliance with the Beverage Law, with certain exceptions; providing rulemaking authority; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. (1) As used in this section, the term “equestrian sport facility” means a facility within Marion County which is at least 500 acres in size and which includes at least two transient public lodging establishments as defined in s. 509.013(4)(a)1., Florida Statutes, and at least three public food service establishments as defined in s. 509.013(5), Florida Statutes, the principal attraction of which is sport horse events, including, but not limited to, show jumping, dressage, eventing, and other equestrian competitions.

(2) Notwithstanding s. 561.20, Florida Statutes, the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation may issue a special beverage license to an equestrian sport facility for the purpose of authorizing the package sale of only wine and malt beverages for off-premises consumption and the sale of all alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption.

(3) The special beverage license issued under this act shall allow an equestrian sport facility to designate a venue within the licensed premises as a stand-alone bar for the purpose of allowing indoor smoking, consistent with the requirements of s. 561.695, Florida Statutes.

(4) A special beverage license issued under this act may not preclude premises with separate alcoholic beverage licenses from operating on the property of the equestrian sport facility. Any violation of the alcoholic beverage laws which occurs within the equestrian sport facility may not impact the operation of a separately licensed premises unless the violation occurs specifically within such separately licensed premises. If a violation of the alcoholic beverage laws occurs within a separately licensed premises, the penalty for such violation applies only to that separately licensed premises and not to the remainder of the premises covered by the special beverage license issued under this act.

(5) The special beverage license issued under this act is subject to the same requirements and restrictions as other licenses issued pursuant to the

Beverage Law, except as otherwise provided in this act. The Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation may adopt rules necessary to implement and administer this act.

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

Approved by the Governor June 9, 2025.

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