

## CHAPTER 2017-223

### House Bill No. 1439

An act relating to Charlotte County; providing space and seating requirements for the issuance of special alcoholic beverage licenses to event centers; providing an exception to general law; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding s. 561.20, Florida Statutes, the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation may issue special alcoholic beverage licenses to event centers in Charlotte County which have a seating capacity of no more than 800 seats, an overall floor capacity of no more than 10,000 square feet, and derive no less than 51 percent of annual gross income from the sale of event center tickets and food and nonalcoholic beverages that are prepared, served, and consumed on such premises. For the purposes of this act, the term “event center” means a facility that routinely hosts events for which entrance is by customers who have purchased tickets, including, but not limited to, musical concerts and art shows; hosts events sponsored or organized by nonprofit organizations; and otherwise does not market itself primarily as a food service establishment. The Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation may revoke or suspend any such license for violations of the Beverage Law and regulations of this state not inconsistent herewith.

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

Approved by the Governor June 6, 2017.

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