

CHAPTER 2014-234

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 911

An act relating to the City of Panama City, Bay County; designating boundaries of entertainment districts within the downtown area of the city; authorizing the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to make special allowances for existing bona fide licensees operating within such entertainment districts for the sale of certain alcoholic beverages for consumption off the premises at outdoor events on public rights-of-way and public park property; requiring that such events be declared by the city commission; providing that special allowances are in addition to certain other authorized temporary permits; requiring the bona fide licensees to comply with all other statutory requirements; providing an exemption from general law; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. For purposes of this act, there are created special zones within the downtown area of the City of Panama City known as “entertainment districts.” The areas are described as:

(1) The Historic St. Andrews Entertainment District is that part of Panama City described as all those parcels lying within and adjacent to the following:

Begin at the intersection of 13th Street and Bayview Avenue. Thence North along said Bayview Avenue Centerline to the intersection of Bayview Avenue and 15th Street. Thence East along said 15th Street to the intersection of 15th Street and Chestnut Avenue. Thence South along Chestnut Avenue to the Shoreline of St. Andrew’s Bay. Thence westerly and northerly along said shoreline to the St. Andrews Marina, thence along said shoreline of St. Andrews Marina to the St. Andrews Bay shoreline. Thence northerly and westerly along said shoreline to the extended centerline of 13th Street, thence easterly along said 13th Street to the intersection with Bayview Avenue, also being the point of beginning.

(2) The Historic Downtown Entertainment District is that part of Panama City described as all those parcels lying within and adjacent to the following:

Begin at the intersection of Beach Drive and 6th Street, thence east along 6th Street to the intersection of Allen Avenue. Thence south along the extended centerline of Allen Avenue to the westerly shoreline of Massalina Bayou. Thence southerly and westerly along said shoreline to the St. Andrews Bay shoreline. Thence northerly and westerly along

said shoreline and existing improvements to the Johnson Bayou channel. Thence northerly along said channel of Johnson Bayou to Beach Drive. Thence easterly and southerly along Beach Drive to the intersection of 6th Street, also being the point of beginning.

Section 2. (1) Notwithstanding chapter 561, Florida Statutes, and any other provision of law, the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation shall make, for bona fide licensees operating validly licensed premises within the areas described as entertainment districts, and upon declaration of a special event and valid street closure by the City Commission of Panama City, a special allowance to temporarily sell alcoholic beverages, sold for consumption on the premises, in open containers to be removed from the premises by patrons at outdoor events on public rights-of-way and public park property within the entertainment districts of Panama City. Such special allowance may be authorized for no more than 15 special events per calendar year for each one of the entertainment districts, and each allowance is valid only for the duration of the special event declared by the city commission.

(2) The special allowances authorized by this act are in addition to any other temporary permits authorized pursuant to chapter 561, Florida Statutes.

(3) The bona fide licensees shall comply with all other requirements of chapter 561, Florida Statutes, during the special allowances authorized by this act.

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

Approved by the Governor May 12, 2014.

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