CHAPTER 2024-281

House Bill No. 691

An act relating to the Town of Horseshoe Beach, Dixie County; providing an exception to general law; requiring the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to issue a special alcoholic beverage license to certain restaurants in the town which meet certain space, seating, and minimum gross revenue requirements; providing conditions for revocation of such license or denial of a pending application for such license; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding s. 561.20(1), Florida Statutes, the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation shall issue a special alcoholic beverage license to a bona fide restaurant located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Town of Horseshoe Beach which is licensed by the Division of Hotels and Restaurants, occupies at least 1,700 square feet of contiguous space used as a part of the food service establishment, is equipped to serve meals to 50 persons at one time, and derives at least 51 percent of its gross food and beverage revenue from the sale of food and nonalcoholic beverages during the first 60-day operating period and each 12-month operating period thereafter. Failure of a licensee who is issued this special license to meet the required percentage of food and nonalcoholic beverage gross revenues during the applicable operating period shall result in the revocation of the license or denial of the pending application for a permanent license of a licensee operating with a temporary license. A licensee whose license is revoked, or an applicant whose pending application for a permanent license is denied, or any person required to qualify on the special food service alcohol license application, is ineligible to have any interest in a subsequent application for such license for 120 days after the date of the final denial or revocation.

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

Approved by the Governor May 17, 2024.

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