

FINAL BILL ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 1307

FINAL HOUSE FLOOR ACTION:

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SPONSOR: Rep. Metz

GOVERNOR'S ACTION: Approved

COMPANION BILLS: N/A

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

HB 1307 was passed by the House on April 27, 2011, and subsequently passed the Senate on May 2, 2011. The bill was approved by the Governor on May 31, 2011, chapter l2011-260, Laws of Florida, and took effect on May 31, 2011. The bill authorizes the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco (division) within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to issue up to 15 temporary alcoholic beverage permits per calendar year, valid for up to three days, to nonprofit organizations holding outdoor events in the downtown area of the City of Mount Dora in Lake County. These permits are in addition to the three temporary permits currently authorized by law.

The division is required to adopt rules on or before October 1, 2011, to administer the act.

While the number of additional permits that may be issued as a result of this bill is indeterminate, the state will receive \$25 for each permit issued. In addition, the division has indicated that it can handle the provisions of this bill with existing resources.

The bill appears to provide an exemption to s. 561.422, F.S.

I. SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION

A. EFFECT OF CHANGES:

Present Situation

Chapters 561-565 and 567-568, F.S., comprise Florida's beverage law. The Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco (division) within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation is responsible for the enforcement of these statutes.¹ Section 561.422, F.S., authorizes "nonprofit civic organizations" to apply for up to three temporary alcoholic beverage permits for a period not to exceed three days, subject to any other state, municipal, or county ordinance regulating the time for selling alcoholic beverages. The permit requires that the alcoholic beverages may only be consumed on the premises.

Upon the filing of an application, the nonprofit civic organization must present a local building or zoning permit, and pay a fee of \$25 per permit. All net profits from sales of alcoholic beverages collected during the permit period must be retained by the nonprofit civic organization. Individual nonprofit civic organizations are limited to three permits per calendar year.

Over the past four years, the Legislature has passed legislation that authorizes the division to issue up to 15 additional temporary permits to nonprofit organizations in designated sections of the following cities: St. Petersburg,² Tallahassee,³ Leesburg,⁴ Eustis,⁵ and Tavares.⁶ The chart below contains data from the division on the actual number of additional temporary permits issued.

City	Effective Date	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011*	Total Permits
St. Petersburg	6/12/07	1	14	9	9	1	34
Tallahassee	6/17/08	N/A	5	1	4	0	10
Leesburg	6/02/09	N/A	N/A	0	7	2	9
Eustis	6/11/10	N/A	N/A	N/A	3	0	3
Tavares	6/11/10	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	1	1
Total		1	19	10	23	4	57

*As of 3/9/11

According to Guidestar.org, there are currently 127 nonprofit civic organizations in the City of Mount Dora.⁷

¹ Section 561.02, F.S.

² Chapter 2007-302, L.O.F.

³ Chapter 2008-294, L.O.F.

⁴ Chapter 2009-262, L.O.F.

⁵ Chapter 2010-251, L.O.F.

⁶ Chapter 2010-252, L.O.F.

⁷ The division has used Guidestar.org (an Internet provider that connects people with nonprofit information) in the past as a source for the number of nonprofit civic organizations in a city. The results for Mount Dora are from a search on March 30, 2011.

Effect of the Bill:

This bill authorizes the division to issue temporary permits authorizing nonprofit organizations to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises at outdoor events on public right-of-way in the downtown area, as specifically described in the bill, of the City of Mount Dora in Lake County.

A nonprofit civic organization may be issued up to 15 temporary permits per calendar year, valid for up to three days, in addition to the three temporary permits authorized by s. 561.422, F.S. The organization must provide a valid street-closure permit issued by the City of Mount Dora, and must comply with all other requirements of s. 561.422, F.S., in obtaining the temporary permits authorized by the bill.

This bill requires the division to adopt rules on or before October 1, 2011, to administer the act.

The bill took effect upon becoming a law on May 31, 2011.

II. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes ☒ No ☐

IF YES, WHEN? February 4, 2011.

WHERE? *The Orlando Sentinel*, a daily newspaper of general circulation published in Lake County, Florida.

B. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes ☐ No ☒

IF YES, WHEN?

C. LOCAL BILL CERTIFICATION FILED? Yes ☒ No ☐

D. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes ☒ No ☐

According to the Economic Impact Statement, this bill will increase attendance and participation of fundraisers and other events sponsored by nonprofit organizations.

In addition, in 2010, the Legislature passed two acts authorizing the division to issue up to 15 additional temporary permits per calendar year to nonprofit civic organization hosting events in the cities of Eustis⁸ and Tavares.⁹ This bill would allow nonprofit civic organizations in the neighboring city of Mount Dora to have the same opportunity to host events with alcohol.

⁸ Chapter 2010-251, L.O.F.

⁹ Chapter 2010-252, L.O.F.