SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based only on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Date:	March 19, 1998	Revised:		
Subject:	Subject: Alcohol License/Science Museum			
	Analyst	Staff Director	Reference	Action
2.	driguez	Guthrie	RI RC	Favorable
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I. Summary:

This local bill authorizes the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to issue an alcoholic beverage vendor license to the Museum of Science and Industry Foundation, Inc. for special events in which alcoholic beverages are sold.

II. Present Situation:

Currently, other philanthropic organizations that promote the arts and sciences, such as the Lowry Park Zoo, the Tampa Museum of Art, and the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center, have special alcoholic beverage licenses. The organizations use their licenses primarily for fundraising at special events.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1. The bill authorizes the division to issue an alcoholic beverage license to the Museum of Science and Industry Foundation, Inc. The bill states the Foundation's address and provides that the Foundation may use the license only for special events on the premises.

Section 2. The bill requires that the alcoholic beverages sold under this license be sold for consumption on the premises and prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages in sealed containers for consumption off the premises.

The bill provides that an opened, partially consumed container of alcoholic beverages (e.g. an opened bottle of wine) may be removed from the premises. However, it is not limited to any particular types of containers and does not provide immunity for any other applicable local

ordinances or regulations regarding the possession of open containers of alcoholic beverages within a certain number of feet of a licensed vendor.

Section 3. The bill allows the Foundation to transfer the license to a qualified applicant that is under contract with the Foundation to provide food services at the museum. The license automatically reverts to the Foundation upon termination of the transferee's authority or contract.

Section 4 provides an effective date upon becoming law.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

The bill may benefit fund raising activities by the Foundation.

C. Government Sector Impact:

Insignificant.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

The bill provides adequate and appropriate standards and guidelines to direct the agency's implementation of the proposed legislation.

VIII. Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.