

By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and Senator Grimsley

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1 A bill to be entitled

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

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

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

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