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An act relating to malt beverage advertising agreements; amending s. 561.42, F.S.; prohibiting certain entities and persons from directly or indirectly assisting or providing specified items, moneys, or services to a licensed vendor; prohibiting a licensed vendor from accepting specified items, moneys, or services from certain entities or persons; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (15) is added to section 561.42, Florida Statutes, to read:

561.42 Tied house evil; financial aid and assistance to vendor by manufacturer, distributor, importer, primary American source of supply, brand owner or registrant, or any broker, sales agent, or sales person thereof, prohibited; procedure for enforcement; exception.—

(15) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a manufacturer or importer of malt beverages and a vendor may enter into a written agreement for brand naming rights and associated cooperative advertising in an arm's length transaction for no more than fair market value if all of the following conditions are met:

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1. The vendor operates places of business at which consumption on the premises is permitted, the premises are located within a theme park complex that is owned, managed, controlled, and operated by the vendor, if the theme park complex comprises at least 25 enclosed acres of land with permanent exhibitions and a variety of recreational activities, the theme park complex has a controlled entrance to, and exit from, the enclosed area, and at least 1 million visitors annually pay admission fees to the theme park complex.

- 2. The agreement does not involve, in whole or in part, the sale or distribution of malt beverages between the vendor and the manufacturer or the importer and each distributor.
- 3. The vendor, as a result of the agreement, does not provide preferential treatment to the alcoholic beverage brand or brands of the manufacturer or importer with whom the vendor has entered into the agreement.
- 4. The agreement does not limit, directly or indirectly, the sale of alcoholic beverages of another manufacturer, importer, or distributor.
- 5. Within 10 days after execution of the agreement, the vendor files with the division a description of the agreement which includes the location, dates, and the name of the manufacturer or importer that entered into the agreement.
- (b) A manufacturer or importer of malt beverages which is a party to a brand naming rights agreement may not, directly or

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indirectly, solicit or receive from any of its distributors any portion of the payment due from the manufacturer or importer of malt beverages to the vendor pursuant to such agreement. Such agreement exists solely between the manufacturer or importer and the vendor and does not, directly or indirectly, in any way obligate or place responsibility, financial or otherwise, upon a distributor.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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