

# FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## FINAL BILL ANALYSIS

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**BILL #:** [HB 4031](#)

**TITLE:** City of Oviedo, Seminole County

**SPONSOR(S):** Plasencia, Smith

**COMPANION BILL:** None

**LINKED BILLS:** None

**RELATED BILLS:** None

**FINAL HOUSE FLOOR ACTION:** 108 Y's

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**GOVERNOR'S ACTION:** Approved

### SUMMARY

#### Effect of the Bill:

The bill creates a special zone within the City of Oviedo to be known as the Oviedo Arts and Entertainment District. The bill creates an exception to the Beverage Law by requiring the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to issue special alcoholic beverage licenses to bona fide licensees within the district to sell alcoholic beverages in open containers for off-premises consumption inside the district. The bill requires the Oviedo City Council to specify the type, design, and color of the cups to be used by ordinance.

#### Fiscal or Economic Impact:

The bill may have an indeterminant positive fiscal impact on local revenues from increases in sales tax revenue, licensing revenue, and ad valorem revenue.

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### ANALYSIS

#### EFFECT OF THE BILL:

The bill provides a legal description of a special zone within the City of Oviedo and designates it as the Oviedo Arts and Entertainment District (district). (Section [1](#))

The bill creates an exception to the [Beverage Law](#) by requiring the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to issue special alcoholic beverage licenses to bona fide licensees operating validly licensed premises in the district. The special license, or modification of an existing license, allows the licensee to sell alcoholic beverages in open containers for consumption on the premises, that may also be carried off the premises to be consumed elsewhere in the district. (Section [2](#))

The bill requires the Oviedo City Council to specify the type, design, and color of the cups to be used by ordinance. (Section [2](#))

The bill provides that the licensee must follow all other requirements of the Beverage Law. (Section [2](#))

The bill was approved by the Governor on June 6, 2025, ch. 2025-233, L.O.F., and became effective on that date. (Section [3](#))

#### FISCAL OR ECONOMIC IMPACT:

##### LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

The bill may have an indeterminant positive fiscal impact on local revenues from increases in sales tax, licensing revenue, and ad valorem revenue.

**STORAGE NAME:** h4031z1.IAS

**DATE:** 7/15/2025

## RELEVANT INFORMATION

### SUBJECT OVERVIEW:

#### Beverage Law

Florida's Beverage Law<sup>1</sup> regulates the manufacture, distribution, and sale of beer, wine, and liquor.<sup>2</sup> The Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco (division) within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation administers and enforces the Beverage Law.<sup>3</sup> Under the Beverage Law, there is not a limit on the number of licenses the division may issue to businesses selling malt beverages or wine. However, the number of licenses for selling liquor or distilled spirits is limited to one license per 7,500 residents within a county with a minimum of three licenses per county that has approved the sale of intoxicating liquors.<sup>4</sup> These licenses are known as quota licenses and are the only alcoholic beverage license type that is limited in number.<sup>5</sup>

There are several exceptions to the quota license limitation, and businesses that meet the requirements for an exception may be issued a special license by the division, allowing the business to serve any alcoholic beverages regardless of alcohol content.

Alcoholic beverages sold for consumption on premises must be consumed inside the licensed premises.<sup>6</sup> The division may approve a temporary expansion of the licensed premises to include a sidewalk or other outdoor areas for special events. The business must pay an application fee of \$100, stipulate the timeframe for the special event, submit a sketch outlining the expanded premises, and submit written approval from the county or municipality.

#### **Local Bill Forms**

The Florida Constitution prohibits the passage of any special act unless a notice of intention to seek enactment of the bill has been published as provided by general law or the act is conditioned to take effect only upon approval by referendum vote of the electors in the area affected.<sup>7</sup> A legal advertisement of the proposed bill must be placed in a newspaper of general circulation or published on a publicly accessible website<sup>8</sup> at least 30 days prior to the introduction of the local bill in the House or Senate.<sup>9</sup> The bill was noticed in the [Orlando Sentinel on January 11, 2025](#).

The House local bill policy requires a completed and signed Local Bill Certification Form and Economic Impact Statement Form be filed with the Clerk of the House at the time the local bill is filed or as soon thereafter as possible.<sup>10</sup> Under the policy, a committee or subcommittee may not consider a local bill unless these forms have been filed. The following forms have been submitted for the bill:

- [Local Bill Certification Form](#)
- [Economic Impact Statement](#)

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<sup>1</sup> S. [561.01\(6\), F.S.](#), provides that the "the Beverage Law" means chs. 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 567, and 568, F.S.

<sup>2</sup> S. [561.14, F.S.](#)

<sup>3</sup> S. [561.02, F.S.](#)

<sup>4</sup> S. [561.20\(1\), F.S.](#)

<sup>5</sup> S. [561.20, F.S.](#)

<sup>6</sup> See [s. 561.01\(11\), F.S.](#) (definition of "licensed premises").

<sup>7</sup> [Art. III, s. 10, Fla. Const.](#)

<sup>8</sup> S. [50.0311\(2\), F.S.](#)

<sup>9</sup> S. [11.02, F.S.](#) If there is no newspaper circulated throughout or published in the county and no publicly accessible website has been designated, notice must be posted for at least 30 days in at least three public places in the county, one of which must be at the courthouse.

<sup>10</sup> Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee, [Local Bill Policies and Procedures Manual](#), p. 11 (last visited Feb. 25, 2025).