PCS for HB 689 2017

1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to alcoholic beverages; amending s. 3 561.11, F.S.; revising the power and authority of the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco to include 4 5 appointment of division personnel; requiring that 6 certain personnel be assigned to the Selected Exempt 7 Service; amending s. 561.17, F.S.; authorizing the 8 Agency for Health Care Administration to certify that 9 an alcoholic beverage license applicant's place of 10 business meets sanitary requirements; amending s. 561.331, F.S.; removing the fee for transferring or 11 12 changing the location of a temporary beverage license; amending s. 565.03, F.S.; revising requirements for an 13 14 annual state license tax for a distillery and craft distillery; providing an effective date. 15 17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 561.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

21 561.11 Power and authority of division.

The division shall have full power and authority to appoint division personnel and provide for the continuous training and upgrading of all such division personnel in their respective positions with the division. Notwithstanding any law

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to the contrary, chiefs, assistant chiefs, regional managers including majors, and district and office managers including captains shall be assigned to the Selected Exempt Service and their salaries and benefits shall be set by the Department of Management Services in accordance with the rules of the Selected Exempt Service under part V of chapter 110. The This training shall include the attendance of such division personnel at workshops, seminars, or special schools established by the division or other organizations when attendance at such educational programs shall in the opinion of the division be deemed appropriate to the particular position that which the employee holds.

Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 561.17, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 561.17 License and registration applications; approved person.—
- (2) All applications for alcoholic beverage licenses for consumption on the premises shall be accompanied by a certificate of the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, or the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, or the Department of Health, the Agency for Health Care Administration, or the county health department that the place of business wherein the business is to be conducted meets all of the sanitary requirements of the state.

Section 3. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 561.331, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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561.331 Temporary license upon application for transfer, change of location, or change of type or series.—

Upon the filing of a properly completed application for transfer pursuant to s. 561.32, which application does not on its face disclose any reason for denying an alcoholic beverage license, by any purchaser of a business that which possesses a beverage license of any type or series, the purchaser of such business and the applicant for transfer are entitled as a matter of right to receive a temporary beverage license of the same type and series as that held by the seller of such business. The temporary license will be valid for all purposes under the Beverage Law until the application is denied or until 14 days after the application is approved. Such temporary beverage license shall be issued by the district supervisor of the district in which the application for transfer is made without the assessment of any additional fee or tax upon the payment of a fee of \$100. A purchaser operating under the provisions of this subsection is subject to the same rights, privileges, duties, and limitations of a beverage licensee as are provided by law, except that purchases of alcoholic beverages during the term of such temporary license shall be for cash only. However, such cash-only restriction does not apply if the entity holding a temporary license pursuant to this section

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purchases alcoholic beverages as part of a single-transaction cooperative purchase placed by a pool buying agent or if such entity is also the holder of a state beverage license authorizing the purchase of the same type of alcoholic beverages as authorized under the temporary license.

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(3) Upon the filing of a properly completed application to change the type or series of a beverage license by any qualified licensee having a beverage license of any type or series, which application does not on its face disclose any reason for denying an alcoholic beverage license, the licensee is entitled as a matter of right to receive a temporary beverage license of the type or series applied for, which temporary license is valid for all purposes under the Beverage Law until the application is denied or until 14 days after the application is approved. Such temporary license shall be issued by the district supervisor of the district in which the application for change of type or series is made without the assessment of any additional fee or tax. If the department issues a notice of intent to deny the license application for failure of the applicant to disclose the information required by s. 561.15(2) or (4), the temporary license for transfer, change of location, or change of type of series expires and shall not be extended during any proceeding for administrative or judicial review pursuant to chapter 120. If the fee for the type or series or license applied for is greater than the fee for the license then held by the applicant,

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the applicant for such temporary license must pay a fee in the amount of \$100 or one-fourth of the difference between the fees, whichever amount is greater. A fee is not required for an application for a temporary license of a type or series for which the fee is the same as or less than the fee for the license then held by the applicant. The holder of a temporary license under this subsection is subject to the same rights, privileges, duties, and limitations of a beverage licensee as are provided by law.

- Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 565.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 565.03 License fees; manufacturers, distributors, brokers, sales agents, and importers of alcoholic beverages; vendor licenses and fees; distilleries and craft distilleries.—
- (2)(a) A distillery or a craft distillery authorized to do business under the Beverage Law shall pay an annual state license tax for each plant or branch operating in the state, as follows:
- 1. A distillery If engaged in the business of manufacturing distilled spirits: , a state license tax of \$4,000.
- 2. A craft distillery engaged in the business of manufacturing distilled spirits: \$1,000.
- 3.2. A person If engaged in the business of rectifying and blending spirituous liquors and nothing else: $_{7}$ a state license

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126 tax of \$4,000.
127 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

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