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2 An act relating to Citrus County; amending chapter 84-  
3 409, Laws of Florida, as amended; revising criteria  
4 for special alcoholic beverage licenses for  
5 restaurants within the county; providing construction;  
6 providing an 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. Section 1 of chapter 84-409, Laws of Florida,  
11 as amended by chapter 86-391, Laws of Florida, is amended to  
12 read:

13 Section 1. Notwithstanding any Citrus County ordinance or  
14 special law prescribing standards for special restaurant  
15 alcoholic beverage licenses, or any general law limiting the  
16 number of alcoholic beverage licenses in a county, the Division  
17 of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco shall issue a special  
18 alcoholic beverage license to any restaurant in Citrus County  
19 which meets all of the following minimum criteria:

20 (a) Two thousand five hundred ~~2,500~~ square feet of service  
21 area.

22 (b) Equipment to serve 150 persons full-course meals at  
23 tables. ~~at one time~~

24 (c) Fifty-one ~~51~~ percent of its gross revenue is from the  
25 sale of food and nonalcoholic beverages.

26 (d) Alcoholic beverage consumption is limited to table  
27 service with meals.

28 ~~(e) no cocktail lounge or open bar on the premises.~~

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30 However, any restaurant licensed under this section that  
31 maintains a service area of 4,000 square feet or more ~~of service~~  
32 ~~area~~ may provide a cocktail lounge or open bar on the premises,  
33 and alcoholic beverage consumption within the cocktail lounge or  
34 open bar is not limited to table service with meals. Any  
35 restaurant licensed under this section that maintains a service  
36 area of 2,500 square feet or more, but less than 4,000 square  
37 feet, may provide a cocktail lounge or open bar on the premises  
38 that serves up to 10 percent of the capacity of the restaurant,  
39 and alcoholic beverage consumption within the cocktail lounge or  
40 open bar is not limited to table service with meals. Nothing in  
41 this act shall be construed to permit sales of alcoholic  
42 beverages for off-premises consumption.

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