THE FLORIDA SENATE 2011 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED

Committee on Regulated Industries

SB 462 — Beverage Law

by Senators Latvala and Jones

The bill revises the alcoholic beverage license qualification requirements for performing arts centers by providing an exemption from the requirement that all persons with an interest, directly or indirectly, in an alcoholic beverage license must obtain the approval of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. The exemption applies to the performing arts center's volunteer officers or directors or any change of such positions or interests.

The bill would permit volunteer officers or directors of a performing arts center to continue to serve without having to submit a separate, personal application and be fingerprinted as part of the alcoholic beverage license application process. The bill does not affect the requirement that the performing arts center must disclose the identity of the volunteer officers or directors.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2011.

Vote: Senate 37-1; House 113-2

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