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Amendment No. ____

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Senator Bankhead moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 4, line 13, through page 5, line 2, delete those lines

and insert:

Section 2. The Legislature recognizes that the restaurant industry is uniquely positioned to provide employment opportunities for a significant number of WAGES participants. Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to encourage employment of WAGES participants by the food and beverage industry. By March 1, 1999, and each March thereafter, the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall certify the total number of WAGES participants employed by the food and beverage industry during the prior calendar year, using data from the Department of Labor's WAGES Information System as summarized in the Employment Information Report prepared by the Bureau of Labor Market and Performance Information and information from the Florida Education and Training Placement Information Program

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1 at the Department of Education. To be counted for purposes of
2 this act, each WAGES participant must have been on welfare for
3 at least 3 months and must remain off of the welfare rolls for
4 the 3 calendar quarters immediately following the calendar
5 quarter in which the individual is first employed by the food
6 and beverage industry. By July 1, 1999, and each year
7 thereafter, the Department of Business and Professional
8 Regulation shall recalculate and reduce the tax rate imposed
9 by section 561.501, Florida Statutes, by the following
10 formula: each WAGES participant job certified in the report
11 shall be given a value of \$3,500, which shall then be
12 multiplied by the total number of WAGES participant jobs
13 certified in the report to arrive at a "gross economic
14 benefit." The "gross economic benefit" shall then be
15 subtracted from the total amount collected from the tax
16 imposed under section 561.501, Florida Statutes, and shall not
17 exceed 33 1/3 percent reduction in any given year, to arrive
18 at a "remainder." The Department of Business and Professional
19 Regulation shall then recalculate and reduce the tax rate
20 imposed by section 561.501, Florida Statutes, to generate the
21 revenue represented by the "remainder." The Department of
22 Business and Professional Regulation shall adopt procedures
23 for administering these provisions and adopt rules pursuant to
24 the provisions of this section.

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28 And the title is amended as follows:

29 On page 1, line 24, through page 2, line 3, delete
30 those lines

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1 and insert:

2 the amount of economic benefit generated by the
3 restaurant industry employing WAGES
4 participants; providing for recalculation of
5 alcoholic beverage tax surcharges; providing

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