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1 A bill to be entitled
 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 an effective
 6 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 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 with no limit on service, and alcoholic beverage consumption is
34 not limited to table service with meals. A restaurant licensed
35 under this section that maintains a service area of 2,500 square
36 feet or more, but less than 4,000 square feet, may provide a
37 cocktail lounge or open bar on the premises that serves up to 10
38 percent of the capacity of the restaurant, and alcoholic
39 beverage consumption is not limited to table service with meals.

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