

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to alcoholic beverage permits;
 3 amending s. 561.01, F.S.; defining the term "railroad
 4 transit station"; amending s. 562.14, F.S.; exempting
 5 railroad transit stations from provisions regulating
 6 the time during which alcoholic beverages may be sold,
 7 served, and consumed; amending s. 565.02, F.S.;
 8 authorizing operators of railroad transit stations to
 9 obtain licenses to sell alcoholic beverages at such
 10 stations; exempting railroad transit stations from
 11 liquor bottle size restrictions; exempting operators
 12 of restaurants, shops, or other facilities that are
 13 part of, or that serve, railroad transit stations from
 14 certain licensing regulations; authorizing alcoholic
 15 beverages to be served in all areas within the
 16 property of a railroad transit station; providing an
 17 effective date.

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 19 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 21 Section 1. Subsection (22) is added to section 561.01,
 22 Florida Statutes, to read:

23 561.01 Definitions.—As used in the Beverage Law:

24 (22) "Railroad transit station" means a platform or
 25 terminal facility where passenger trains operating upon a guided
 26 rail system according to a fixed schedule between two or more

27 cities regularly stop to load and unload passengers or goods and
 28 includes any passenger waiting lounge or dining, retail,
 29 entertainment, or recreational facilities within the premises
 30 owned or leased by the railroad operator or owner.

31 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 562.14, Florida
 32 Statutes, is amended to read:

33 562.14 Regulating the time for sale of alcoholic and
 34 intoxicating beverages; prohibiting use of licensed premises.—

35 (1) Except as otherwise provided by county or municipal
 36 ordinance, ~~no~~ alcoholic beverages may not be sold, consumed,
 37 served, or permitted to be served or consumed in any place
 38 holding a license under the division between the hours of
 39 midnight and 7 a.m. of the following day. This section does
 40 ~~shall~~ not apply to railroad transit stations or to railroads
 41 selling only to passengers for consumption on railroad cars.

42 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 565.02, Florida
 43 Statutes, is amended to read:

44 565.02 License fees; vendors; clubs; caterers; and
 45 others.—

46 (2) (a) Any operator of railroad transit stations,
 47 railroads, or sleeping cars in this state may obtain a license
 48 to sell the beverages mentioned in the Beverage Law ~~on passenger~~
 49 ~~trains~~ upon the payment of an annual license tax of \$2,500, ~~the~~
 50 ~~tax to be paid~~ to the division. Such license is good throughout
 51 the state and authorizes ~~shall authorize~~ the licensee holder
 52 ~~thereof~~ to keep for sale and to sell all beverages mentioned in

53 the Beverage Law on ~~upon~~ any dining, club, parlor, buffet, or
54 observation car or within the property of a railroad transit
55 station operated by the licensee. ~~it in this state, but~~ Such
56 beverages may be sold only to passengers on such ~~upon the~~ cars
57 or within the property of such railroad transit station and must
58 be served for consumption thereon. A municipality or county may
59 not require an additional license or levy a tax for the
60 privilege of selling such beverages.

61 (b) Except for alcoholic beverages sold within the
62 property of a railroad transit station, it is unlawful for such
63 licensees to purchase or sell any liquor except in miniature
64 bottles of not more than 2 ounces. ~~Every such license shall be~~
65 ~~good throughout the state. No license shall be required, or tax~~
66 ~~levied by any municipality or county, for the privilege of~~
67 ~~selling such beverages for consumption in such cars.~~ Such
68 beverages may ~~shall~~ be sold only on cars in which ~~are posted~~
69 certified copies of the licenses issued to the ~~such~~ operator are
70 posted. ~~Such~~ Certified copies of such licenses shall be issued
71 by the division upon the payment of a tax of \$10.

72 (c) A limitation of the number of licenses issued pursuant
73 to this section does not prohibit the issuance of any license
74 authorized by the Beverage Law or any special license issued
75 pursuant to s. 561.20 to operators of restaurants, shops, or
76 other facilities that are part of, or that serve, railroad
77 transit stations. The alcoholic beverages sold by a licensed
78 operator may be consumed in all areas within the property of the

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79 | railroad transit station as defined in s. 561.01(22).

80 | Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.