

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/CS/SB 698, 2nd Eng.
INTRODUCER: Fiscal Policy Committee, Regulated Industries Committee, and Senator Bradley
SUBJECT: Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco
DATE: March 4, 2016

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 023647 (body and title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 revises provisions related to temporary alcoholic beverage permits. This amendment permits municipalities, counties, and nonprofit civic and charitable organizations to be issued no more than 12 temporary alcoholic beverages permits per calendar year. It requires counties and municipalities to donate all net profits from the sale of alcoholic beverages to a nonprofit civic or charitable organization within 90 days of the event. As a condition for the permit, the county or municipality must have attempted to solicit a qualified civic or charitable organization to conduct the sales, but has been unable to find such an organization in a reasonable and practical time frame. Current law only permits “civic organizations” to receive no more than three temporary alcoholic beverage permit per year.

The amendment removes the provisions in the bill that permit the municipalities and counties to receive more than three temporary alcoholic beverage permits per calendar year for events that have been approved by a governing vote of the municipality or county. The amendment removes the requirement that the application for the permit must be signed by the executive officer of the municipality or county. It also removes the requirement that the annual financial report of the county or municipality must include all revenues derived from the sale of alcoholic beverages under a temporary permit.

The amendment provides a the process for calculating beverage and tobacco taxes that passenger vessels currently pay with a new methodology that calculates the taxes based on ship capacity.

In regards to the provision related to the vendors authorized to fill growlers in s. 563.06(7)(a), F.S., the amendment removes the requirement that vendors licensed to sell beer and wine for consumption on the premises must receive a health inspection and certification under s. 561.17(2), F.S., which requires vendors licensed for consumption on the premises to be inspected and certified by the applicable agency as a condition for the license. The amendment to s. 563.06(7)(a), F.S., would take effect upon the bill becoming law. The other provision in the amendment retain the effective date in the bill of July 1, 2016.