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An act relating to alcoholic beverages and tobacco; amending s. 210.13, F.S.; revising applicability to include other persons who may be subject to a determination of tax on failure to file and return; amending s. 218.32, F.S.; requiring local governmental entities to include revenues derived from the use of temporary alcoholic beverage permits in annual financial reports; amending s. 561.01, F.S.; defining the term "railroad transit station"; amending s. 561.20, F.S.; providing that a license must be revoked or a pending application must be denied under certain circumstances; providing that certain licensees or applicants are not eligible to have an interest in a subsequent license under certain circumstances for a specified timeframe; amending s. 561.29, F.S.; requiring the division to grant a one-time written waiver or extension of certain requirements to specified licensees; revising the circumstances under which a licensee may seek and the division may grant a waiver or extension of the requirements; creating s. 561.4205, F.S.; requiring an alcoholic beverage distributor to charge a deposit for certain alcoholic beverage sales; providing an inventory and reconciliation process as an accounting alternative for specified vendors; providing an inventory and reconciliation process for malt beverage kegs; amending s. 561.422, F.S.; authorizing the division to issue temporary permits to municipalities and counties

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to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises of an event; authorizing the director of the division to issue more than three permits per calendar year under certain circumstances; providing conditions for such permits; requiring certain municipalities and counties to properly store and secure unconsumed alcoholic beverages; amending s. 563.06, F.S.; revising requirements for certain vendors to be authorized to fill or refill a growler; revising which licensed vendors may fill or refill a growler; amending s. 565.02, F.S.; authorizing vendors in railroad transit stations to obtain licenses to keep and sell alcoholic beverages; prohibiting a municipality or county from requiring an additional license or levying a tax to sell certain beverages; revising the locations where certain beverages may be sold; providing liquor bottle size restrictions for railroad transit stations; prohibiting the transfer of certain licenses; requiring operators of railroads and sleeping cars to keep separate certain alcoholic beverages; amending s. 565.04, F.S.; authorizing a licensed distributor to transport alcoholic beverages through certain premises under specified circumstances; providing an effective date.

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Section 1. Section 210.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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210.13 Determination of tax on failure to file a return.-If a dealer or other person required to remit the tax under this part fails to file any return required under this part, or having filed an incorrect or insufficient return, fails to file a correct or sufficient return, as the case may require, within 10 days after the giving of notice to the dealer by the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco that such return or corrected or sufficient return is required, the division shall determine the amount of tax due by such dealer any time within 3 years after the making of the earliest sale included in such determination and give written notice of such determination to such dealer. Such a determination shall finally and irrevocably fix the tax unless the dealer against whom it is assessed shall, within 30 days after the giving of notice of such determination, apply to the division for a hearing. Judicial review shall not be granted unless the amount of tax stated in the decision, with penalties thereon, if any, shall have been first deposited with the division, and an undertaking or bond filed in the court in which such cause may be pending in such amount and with such sureties as the court shall approve, conditioned that if such proceeding be dismissed or the decision of the division confirmed, the applicant for review will pay all costs and charges which may accrue against the applicant in the prosecution of the proceeding. At the option of the applicant, such undertaking or bond may be in an additional sum sufficient to cover the tax, penalties, costs, and charges aforesaid, in which event the applicant shall not be required to pay such tax and penalties precedent to the granting of such review by such court.

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Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 218.32, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

218.32 Annual financial reports; local governmental entities.—

(1)(a) Each local governmental entity that is determined to be a reporting entity, as defined by generally accepted accounting principles, and each independent special district as defined in s. 189.012, shall submit to the department a copy of its annual financial report for the previous fiscal year in a format prescribed by the department. The annual financial report must include a list of each local governmental entity included in the report and each local governmental entity that failed to provide financial information as required by paragraph (b). The annual financial report must also include all revenues derived from the use of temporary permits obtained by a reporting entity pursuant to s. 561.422. The chair of the governing body and the chief financial officer of each local governmental entity shall sign the annual financial report submitted pursuant to this subsection attesting to the accuracy of the information included in the report. The county annual financial report must be a single document that covers each county agency.

Section 3. Subsection (22) is added to section 561.01, Florida Statutes, to read:

- 561.01 Definitions.—As used in the Beverage Law:
- (22) "Railroad transit station" means a platform or a terminal facility where passenger trains operating on a guided rail system according to a fixed schedule between two or more cities regularly stop to load and unload passengers or goods.

 The term includes a passenger waiting lounge and dining, retail,

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entertainment, or recreational facilities within the licensed premises owned or leased by the railroad operator or owner.

Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 561.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

561.20 Limitation upon number of licenses issued.-

- (2) (a) The No such limitation of the number of licenses as herein provided in this section does not shall henceforth prohibit the issuance of a special license to:
- 1. Any bona fide hotel, motel, or motor court of not fewer than 80 guest rooms in any county having a population of less than 50,000 residents, and of not fewer than 100 guest rooms in any county having a population of 50,000 residents or greater; or any bona fide hotel or motel located in a historic structure, as defined in s. 561.01(21), with fewer than 100 quest rooms which derives at least 51 percent of its gross revenue from the rental of hotel or motel rooms, which is licensed as a public lodging establishment by the Division of Hotels and Restaurants; provided, however, that a bona fide hotel or motel with no fewer than 10 and no more than 25 quest rooms which is a historic structure, as defined in s. 561.01(21), in a municipality that on the effective date of this act has a population, according to the University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research Estimates of Population for 1998, of no fewer than 25,000 and no more than 35,000 residents and that is within a constitutionally chartered county may be issued a special license. This special license shall allow the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages only on the licensed premises of the hotel or motel. In addition, the hotel or motel must derive at least 60 percent of its gross revenue from the rental

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of hotel or motel rooms and the sale of food and nonalcoholic beverages; provided that the provisions of this subparagraph shall supersede local laws requiring a greater number of hotel rooms;

- 2. Any condominium accommodation of which no fewer than 100 condominium units are wholly rentable to transients and which is licensed under the provisions of chapter 509, except that the license shall be issued only to the person or corporation which operates the hotel or motel operation and not to the association of condominium owners;
- 3. Any condominium accommodation of which no fewer than 50 condominium units are wholly rentable to transients, which is licensed under the provisions of chapter 509, and which is located in any county having home rule under s. 10 or s. 11, Art. VIII of the State Constitution of 1885, as amended, and incorporated by reference in s. 6(e), Art. VIII of the State Constitution, except that the license shall be issued only to the person or corporation which operates the hotel or motel operation and not to the association of condominium owners;
- 4. Any food service establishment that has restaurant having 2,500 square feet of service area, is and equipped to serve meals to 150 persons full course meals at tables at one time, and that derives deriving at least 51 percent of its gross food and beverage revenue from the sale of food and nonalcoholic beverages during the first 60-day operating period and each 12-month operating period thereafter.; However, A food service establishment no restaurant granted a special license on or after January 1, 1958, pursuant to general or special law may not shall operate as a package store and may not sell, nor shall

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intoxicating beverages be sold under such license after the hours of serving or consumption of food have elapsed. Failure by a licensee to meet the required percentage of food and nonalcoholic beverage gross revenues during the covered operating period shall result in revocation of the license or denial of the pending license application. A licensee whose license is revoked or an applicant whose pending application is denied, or any person required to qualify on the special license application, is ineligible to have any interest in a subsequent application for such a license for a period of 120 days after the date of the final denial or revocation; or

5. Any caterer, deriving at least 51 percent of its gross revenue from the sale of food and nonalcoholic beverages, licensed by the Division of Hotels and Restaurants under chapter 509. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a licensee under this subparagraph shall sell or serve alcoholic beverages only for consumption on the premises of a catered event at which the licensee is also providing prepared food, and shall prominently display its license at any catered event at which the caterer is selling or serving alcoholic beverages. A licensee under this subparagraph shall purchase all alcoholic beverages it sells or serves at a catered event from a vendor licensed under s. 563.02(1), s. 564.02(1), or licensed under s. 565.02(1) subject to the limitation imposed in subsection (1), as appropriate. A licensee under this subparagraph may not store any alcoholic beverages to be sold or served at a catered event. Any alcoholic beverages purchased by a licensee under this subparagraph for a catered event that are not used at that event must remain with the customer; provided that if the vendor

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accepts unopened alcoholic beverages, the licensee may return such alcoholic beverages to the vendor for a credit or reimbursement. Regardless of the county or counties in which the licensee operates, a licensee under this subparagraph shall pay the annual state license tax set forth in s. 565.02(1)(b). A licensee under this subparagraph must maintain for a period of 3 years all records required by the department by rule to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of this subparagraph, including licensed vendor receipts for the purchase of alcoholic beverages and records identifying each customer and the location and date of each catered event. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any vendor licensed under s. 565.02(1) subject to the limitation imposed in subsection (1), may, without any additional licensure under this subparagraph, serve or sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises of a catered event at which prepared food is provided by a caterer licensed under chapter 509. If a licensee under this subparagraph also possesses any other license under the Beverage Law, the license issued under this subparagraph shall not authorize the holder to conduct activities on the premises to which the other license or licenses apply that would otherwise be prohibited by the terms of that license or the Beverage Law. Nothing in this section shall permit the licensee to conduct activities that are otherwise prohibited by the Beverage Law or local law. The Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco is hereby authorized to adopt rules to administer the license created in this subparagraph, to include rules governing licensure, recordkeeping, and enforcement. The first \$300,000 in fees collected by the division each fiscal year

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pursuant to this subparagraph shall be deposited in the Department of Children and Families' Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund to be used only for alcohol and drug abuse education, treatment, and prevention programs. The remainder of the fees collected shall be deposited into the Hotel and Restaurant Trust Fund created pursuant to s. 509.072.

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However, any license heretofore issued to any such hotel, motel, motor court, or restaurant or hereafter issued to any such hotel, motel, or motor court, including a condominium accommodation, under the general law shall not be moved to a new location, such license being valid only on the premises of such hotel, motel, motor court, or restaurant. Licenses issued to hotels, motels, motor courts, or restaurants under the general law and held by such hotels, motels, motor courts, or restaurants on May 24, 1947, shall be counted in the quota limitation contained in subsection (1). Any license issued for any hotel, motel, or motor court under the provisions of this law shall be issued only to the owner of the hotel, motel, or motor court or, in the event the hotel, motel, or motor court is leased, to the lessee of the hotel, motel, or motor court; and the license shall remain in the name of the owner or lessee so long as the license is in existence. Any special license now in existence heretofore issued under the provisions of this law cannot be renewed except in the name of the owner of the hotel, motel, motor court, or restaurant or, in the event the hotel, motel, motor court, or restaurant is leased, in the name of the lessee of the hotel, motel, motor court, or restaurant in which the license is located and must remain in the name of the owner

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or lessee so long as the license is in existence. Any license issued under this section shall be marked "Special," and nothing herein provided shall limit, restrict, or prevent the issuance of a special license for any restaurant or motel which shall hereafter meet the requirements of the law existing immediately prior to the effective date of this act, if construction of such restaurant has commenced prior to the effective date of this act and is completed within 30 days thereafter, or if an application is on file for such special license at the time this act takes effect; and any such licenses issued under this proviso may be annually renewed as now provided by law. Nothing herein prevents an application for transfer of a license to a bona fide purchaser of any hotel, motel, motor court, or restaurant by the purchaser of such facility or the transfer of such license pursuant to law.

Section 5. Paragraphs (h) and (i) of subsection (1) of section 561.29, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

561.29 Revocation and suspension of license; power to subpoena.— $\,$

- (1) The division is given full power and authority to revoke or suspend the license of any person holding a license under the Beverage Law, when it is determined or found by the division upon sufficient cause appearing of:
- (h) Failure by the holder of any license under s. 561.20(1) to maintain the licensed premises in an active manner in which the licensed premises are open for the bona fide sale of authorized alcoholic beverages during regular business hours of at least 6 hours a day for a period of 120 days or more during any 12-month period commencing 18 months after the acquisition

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of the license by the licensee, regardless of the date the license was originally issued. Every licensee must notify the division in writing of any period during which his or her license is inactive and place the physical license with the division to be held in an inactive status. The division may waive or extend the requirement of this section upon the finding of hardship, including the purchase of the license in order to transfer it to a newly constructed or remodeled location. However, during such closed period, the licensee shall make reasonable efforts toward restoring the license to active status. This paragraph applies shall apply to all annual license periods commencing on or after July 1, 1981, but does shall not apply to licenses issued after September 30, 1988. The division shall, upon written request of the licensee, grant a one-time written waiver or extension of the requirements of this paragraph for a period not to exceed 12 months. Additionally, the division may, upon written request of the licensee, grant a waiver or extension of the requirements of this paragraph for a period not to exceed 12 months if the licensee demonstrates that:

- 1. The licensed premises has been physically damaged to such an extent that active operation of the business at the premises is impracticable;
- 2. Construction or remodeling is underway to relocate the license to another location;
- 3. The licensed premises has been prohibited from making sales as the result of any order of any court of competent jurisdiction, or any action or inaction of a local governmental entity relating to the permitting, construction, or occupational

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capacity of the physical location of the licensed premises.

(i) Failure of any licensee issued a new or transfer license after September 30, 1988, under s. 561.20(1) to maintain the licensed premises in an active manner in which the licensed premises are open for business to the public for the bona fide retail sale of authorized alcoholic beverages during regular and reasonable business hours for at least 8 hours a day for a period of 210 days or more during any 12-month period commencing 6 months after the acquisition of the license by the licensee. It is the intent of this act that for purposes of compliance with this paragraph, a licensee shall operate the licensed premises in a manner so as to maximize sales and tax revenues thereon; this includes maintaining a reasonable inventory of merchandise, including authorized alcoholic beverages, and the use of good business practices to achieve the intent of this law. Any attempt by a licensee to circumvent the intent of this law shall be grounds for revocation or suspension of the alcoholic beverage license. The division may, upon written request of the licensee, give a written waiver of this requirement for a period not to exceed 12 months in cases where the licensee demonstrates that the licensed premises has been physically destroyed through no fault of the licensee, when the licensee has suffered an incapacitating illness or injury which is likely to be prolonged, or when the licensed premises has been prohibited from making sales as a result of any action of any court of competent jurisdiction. Any waiver given pursuant to this subsection may be continued upon subsequent written request showing that substantial progress has been made toward restoring the licensed premises to a condition suitable for the

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resumption of sales or toward allowing for a court having jurisdiction over the premises to release said jurisdiction, or that an incapacitating illness or injury continues to exist. However, in no event may the waivers necessitated by any one occurrence cumulatively total more than 24 months. Every A licensee shall notify the division in writing of any period during which his or her license is inactive and place the physical license with the division to be held in an inactive status. For the purpose of calculating compliance with the requirements of this paragraph, a license that is acquired in a transaction that is not an arm's length transaction, including transfers from relatives, affiliates, subsidiaries, and other related entities, retains and is subject to the first related transferor's date of acquisition and related periods of operation. The division shall, upon written request of the licensee, grant a one-time written waiver or extension of the requirements of this paragraph for a period not to exceed 12 months. Additionally, the division may, upon written request of the licensee, grant a waiver or extension of the requirements of this paragraph for a period not to exceed 12 months if the licensee demonstrates that:

- 1. The licensed premises has been physically damaged to such an extent that active operation of the business at the premises is impracticable;
- 2. Construction or remodeling is underway to relocate the
 license to another location;
- 3. The licensed premises has been prohibited from making sales as the result of any order of any court of competent jurisdiction, or any action or inaction of a local governmental

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entity relating to the permitting, construction, or occupational capacity of the physical location of the licensed premises.

Section 6. Section 561.4205, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

561.4205 Keg deposits; limited alternative inventory and reconciliation process.—

- (1) A distributor selling an alcoholic beverage to a vendor in bulk, by recyclable keg or other similar reusable container, for the purpose of sale in draft form on tap, must charge the vendor a deposit, to be referred to as a "keg deposit," in an amount not less than that charged to the distributor by the manufacturer for each keg or container of the beverage sold. The deposit amount charged to a vendor for a draft keg or container of a like brand must be uniform. Charges made for deposits collected or credits allowed for empty kegs or containers returned must be shown separately on all sale tickets or invoices. A copy of such sales tickets or invoices must be given to the vendor at the time of delivery.
- (2) In lieu of receiving a keg deposit, a distributor selling alcoholic beverages by recyclable keg or other similar reusable container for the purpose of sale in draft form to a vendor identified in s. 561.01(18) or s. 565.02(6) or (7) shall implement an inventory and reconciliation process with such vendor in which an accounting of kegs is completed and any loss or variance in the number of kegs is paid for by the vendor on a per-keg basis equivalent to the required keg deposit. This inventory and reconciliation process may occur twice per year, at the discretion of the distributor, but must occur at least annually. Upon completion of an agreed upon keg inventory and

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reconciliation, the vendor shall remit payment within 15 days after receiving an invoice from the distributor. The vendor may choose to establish and fund a separate account with the distributor for the purpose of expediting timely payments.

Section 7. Section 561.422, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

561.422 <u>Municipalities, counties, and</u> nonprofit civic organizations; temporary permits.—

(1) Upon the filing of an application, presentation of a local building and zoning permit, and payment of a fee of \$25 per permit, the director of the division may issue a permit authorizing a municipality, a county, or a bona fide nonprofit civic organization to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises of an event only, for a period not to exceed 3 days, subject to any state law or municipal or county ordinance regulating the time for selling such beverages. All net profits from sales of alcoholic beverages collected during the permit period must be retained by the municipality, county, or nonprofit civic organization. Any such municipality, county, or nonprofit civic organization may be issued only three such permits per calendar year; however, the director of the division may issue more than three permits per calendar year to a municipality or county if such permits are for events that have been authorized by a majority vote of the governing body of the municipality or county at a duly noticed public meeting. The sworn application filed by a municipality or county for a temporary permit under this section must be signed by the chief executive officer of the municipality or county.

(2) Notwithstanding other provisions of the Beverage Law,

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any <u>municipality</u>, <u>county</u>, <u>or nonprofit</u> civic organization licensed under this section may purchase alcoholic beverages from a distributor or vendor licensed under the Beverage Law.

(3) All alcoholic beverages purchased for sale by a municipality or county which remain unconsumed after an event must be properly stored and secured by the municipality or county.

Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section 563.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

563.06 Malt beverages; imprint on individual container; size of containers; exemptions.—

- (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Beverage Law, a malt beverage may be packaged in a growler, which is an individual container that holds 32, 64, or 128 ounces of such malt beverage if it is filled at the point of sale.
- (a) A growler may be filled or refilled by any of the following:
- 1. A licensed manufacturer of malt beverages holding a vendor's license under s. 561.221(2).
- 2. A vendor holding a quota license under s. 561.20(1) or s. 565.02(1) (a) which that authorizes the sale of malt beverages.
- 3. A vendor holding a license under s. 563.02(1)(b)-(f), s. 564.02(1)(b)-(f), or s. 565.02(1)(b)-(f), if such licensed vendor receives a health inspection and certification under s. 561.17(2) unless such license restricts the sale of malt beverages to sale for consumption only on the premises of such vendor.
 - 4. A vendor holding a license under s. 563.02(1)(a) or s.

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564.02(1)(a), having held that license in current, active status on June 30, 2015, subject to the following requirements:

- a. The vendor proves to the satisfaction of the division that the vendor had draft equipment and tapping accessories installed and had purchased kegs before June 30, 2015.
- b. The growlers are filled or refilled by the vendor or the vendor's employee, who must be age 18 or older.
- c. The taps or mechanisms used to fill or refill the growlers are not accessible to customers.
- $\underline{\text{d. The growlers meet labeling or sealing requirements set}}$ forth in paragraph (b).
- e. The vendor does not permit consumption on premises, including tastings or other sampling activities.
- Section 9. Subsection (2) of section 565.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 565.02 License fees; vendors; clubs; caterers; and others.-
- (2) Any operator of railroads or sleeping cars and any vendor in a railroad transit station in this state may obtain a license to keep for sale and sell the beverages mentioned in the Beverage Law on passenger trains upon the payment of an annual license tax of \$2,500, the tax to be paid to the division. A municipality or county may not require an additional license or levy a tax for the privilege of selling such beverages.
- (a) Operators of railroads or sleeping cars in this state

 are authorized to Such license shall authorize the holder

 thereof to keep for sale and sell all beverages mentioned in the

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posted. Certified copies of such licenses shall be issued by the division upon the payment of a fee of \$10 operated by it in this state, but such beverages may be sold only to passengers upon the cars and must be served for consumption thereon. It is unlawful for such licensees to purchase or sell any liquor except in miniature bottles of not more than 2 ounces. Every such license for the sale of alcoholic beverages on a passenger train shall be good throughout the state. Except for alcoholic beverages sold within the licensed premises of a railroad transit station, it is unlawful for such licensees to purchase or sell any liquor on a passenger train except in miniature bottles of not more than 2 ounces No license shall be required, or tax levied by any municipality or county, for the privilege of selling such beverages for consumption in such cars. Such beverages shall be sold only on cars in which are posted certified copies of the licenses issued to such operator. Such certified copies of such licenses shall be issued by the division upon the payment of a tax of \$10.

(b) Vendors in a railroad transit station are authorized to keep for sale and sell all beverages mentioned in the Beverage Law. Licenses issued to vendors in a railroad transit station may not be transferred to locations beyond the railroad transit station. The alcoholic beverages sold are for consumption on the licensed premises and may be consumed in all areas within the railroad transit station and on the passenger train. Operators of railroads and sleeping cars shall keep separate the alcoholic beverages intended for sale on passenger trains and the alcoholic beverages intended for sale in the railroad transit station.

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Section 10. Section 565.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

565.04 Package store restrictions.-

- (1) Vendors licensed under s. 565.02(1)(a) shall not in said place of business sell, offer, or expose for sale any merchandise other than such beverages, and such places of business shall be devoted exclusively to such sales; provided, however, that such vendors shall be permitted to sell bitters, grenadine, nonalcoholic mixer-type beverages (not to include fruit juices produced outside this state), fruit juices produced in this state, home bar, and party supplies and equipment (including but not limited to glassware and party-type foods), miniatures of no alcoholic content, and tobacco products. Such places of business shall have no openings permitting direct access to any other building or room, except to a private office or storage room of the place of business from which patrons are excluded.
- (2) Notwithstanding any other law, when delivering alcoholic beverages to a vendor licensed under s. 565.02(1)(a), a licensed distributor may transport the beverages through another premises owned in whole or in part by the vendor.

 Section 11. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.