

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FINAL BILL ANALYSIS**

BILL #: HB 709

FINAL HOUSE FLOOR ACTION:

SPONSOR(S): Williams

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COMPANION None
BILLS:

GOVERNOR'S ACTION: Approved

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

HB 709 passed the House on March 4, 2016, and subsequently passed the Senate on March 9, 2016. The bill revises the boundaries covered by temporary alcohol beverage permits to include Bragg Memorial Stadium and the Alfred Lawson Jr. Multipurpose Center on the Florida A&M University campus.

In 2008, the Legislature enacted a special act to authorize the issuance of temporary permits for the sale of alcoholic beverages at outdoor events in downtown Tallahassee. The act defined the boundaries of the downtown area of Tallahassee, including parts of Florida A&M University, where alcoholic beverages may be served and consumed during temporary events.

The Economic Impact Statement filed for the bill projects an indeterminate increase in sales tax revenues.

The bill was approved by the Governor on March 25, 2016, ch. 2016-249, L.O.F., and became effective on that date.

I. SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION

A. EFFECT OF CHANGES:

Present Situation

The Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco (Division) of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) is responsible for regulating the conduct, management, and operation of the manufacturing, packaging, distribution, and sale within the state of alcoholic beverages. Chapters 561-565 and 567-568, F.S., comprise Florida's Beverage Law.

A nonprofit civic organization may apply for up to three temporary alcoholic beverage permits for events lasting 3 days or less, subject to any other state, municipal, or county ordinance time restrictions for selling alcoholic beverages.¹ Each permit requires that the alcoholic beverages may only be consumed on the premises.

In 2008, the Legislature enacted ch. 2008-294, Laws of Florida, ("the Act") to authorize the Division to issue a temporary permit authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises at outdoor events on public rights-of-way in the downtown area of Tallahassee. The Act defined the boundaries of the downtown area of Tallahassee, where the temporary permits would allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages, and included portions of Florida A&M University.

The Act increased the number of temporary food service permits available to a nonprofit civic organization beyond the limits under general law, so long as the temporary event is located within the area specified by the Act. A nonprofit civic organization may be issued up to 15 temporary permits per calendar year, valid for up to three days, in addition to the three temporary permits authorized in general law.

EFFECT OF THE BILL

The bill amends ch. 2008-294, Laws of Florida, revising the boundaries of the downtown area of Tallahassee to include Bragg Memorial Stadium and the Alfred Lawson Jr. Multipurpose Center on the Florida A&M University campus. This expands the area of the temporary alcoholic beverages permits created by the Act in 2008, and authorizes the Division to issue additional temporary permits to a nonprofit civic organization to sell alcoholic beverages in the newly expanded area.

The Economic Impact Statement projects the bill would slightly increase sales tax revenue due to increased sales on the campus of Florida A&M University during special events.² The Statement also anticipates the potential for local business growth due to the expansion of the college football and special events markets at Florida A&M University.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

The economic impact statement submitted in support of the bill projected a slight increase in sales tax revenues due to increased sales.

2. Expenditures:

¹ s. 561.422, F.S.

² Economic Impact Statement for HB 709 (2016).

None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

The economic impact statement submitted in support of the bill projected a slight increase in sales tax revenues due to increased sales. As Leon County adopted discretionary sales surtaxes totaling 1.5 percent, there may be a very slight increase in local revenues.

2. Expenditures:

None

C. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes No

D. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN? October 16, 2015

WHERE? *Tallahassee Democrat*, a daily newspaper published in Leon County, Florida.

E. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes No