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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to Charlotte County; providing space
3 and seating requirements for the issuance of special
4 alcoholic beverage licenses to event centers;
5 providing an exception to general law; providing an
6 effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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10 Section 1. Notwithstanding s. 561.20, Florida Statutes, the
11 Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of
12 Business and Professional Regulation may issue special alcoholic
13 beverage licenses to event centers in Charlotte County which
14 have a seating capacity of no more than 800 seats, overall floor
15 space of no more than 10,000 square feet, and derive no less
16 than 51 percent of gross income from the sale of event center
17 tickets and food and nonalcoholic beverages that are prepared,
18 served, and consumed on such premises. For the purposes of this
19 act, the term "event center" means a facility that routinely
20 hosts events for which entrance is granted to customers who have
21 purchased tickets, including, but not limited to, musical
22 concerts and art shows; hosts events sponsored or organized by
23 nonprofit organizations; and which otherwise does not market
24 itself primarily as a food service establishment. The Division
25 of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business
26 and Professional Regulation may revoke or suspend any such
27 license for violations of the Beverage Law and regulations of
28 this state not inconsistent with this act.

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