

CS/HB 4055

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the City of Lake Wales, Polk
County; providing an exception to general law for
licensed alcoholic beverage vendors located within a
specified area of the City of Lake Wales; providing
that licensed alcoholic beverage vendors within the
specified area must comply with all ordinances,
statutes, and rules not inconsistent with specified
provisions; defining the specified area of the city to
which such exception applies; providing an effective
date.

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Beverage Law as defined in s. 561.01(6), Florida Statutes, the holder of any alcoholic beverage vendor license that permits the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, for which the designated premises of such license are located on any property within the Lake Wales Arts, Culture and Entertainment District of the City of Lake Wales, shall be authorized to allow patrons to remove any alcoholic beverage in an open container from the licensed vendor premises for purposes of consumption away from the licensed vendor premises within the District. Such licensed alcoholic beverage vendors located

26 within the district shall be authorized to allow patrons to
27 remove alcoholic beverages from the licensed vendor premises
28 regardless of the class, type, or series of license held and
29 without the need for additional licensure or approval by the
30 Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco.

31 **Section 2.** The holder of any alcoholic beverage vendor
32 license located within the Lake Wales Arts, Culture and
33 Entertainment District shall comply with all other local
34 ordinances, state alcoholic beverage laws, and rules of the
35 division not inconsistent herewith.

36 **Section 3.** For the purposes of this act, the Lake Wales
37 Arts, Culture and Entertainment District means the area of land
38 situated in Section 2, Township 30 South, Range 27 East, City of
39 Lake Wales, Polk County, more particularly described as follows:

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41 BEGIN at the southeast corner of Lot 1, Block 1 of
42 Heckscher Second Subdivision, according to the plat
43 thereof as recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 45, public
44 records of Polk County, Florida; thence Westerly along
45 the south line of Lots 1 through 20, Block 1 of said
46 Heckscher Second subdivision to the east right-of-way
47 line of Wetmore Street S; thence Northerly along said
48 east right-of-way line to the south right-of-way line
49 of Sessoms Avenue W; thence Easterly along said south
50 right-of-way line to the west right-of-way line of 1st

51 Street N; thence Southerly along said west right-of-
52 way line of 1st Street N to the intersection of said
53 west right-of-way line with the westerly projection of
54 the south right-of-way line of Crystal Ave. E; thence
55 Easterly along said westerly projection and south
56 right-of-way line of Crystal Ave. E to the northeast
57 corner of Lot A of Johnson Re-Subdivision of Lots 1
58 and 2, Block 24, of Original Town of Lake Wales,
59 according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book
60 24, Page 34, public records of Polk County, Florida;
61 thence Northeasterly to the southwest corner of Block
62 21 of Map of Lake Wales, according to the plat thereof
63 as recorded in Plat Book 1C, Page 88A, public records
64 of Polk County, Florida; thence Northwesterly along
65 the west line of said Block 21 to the northwest corner
66 thereof; thence Easterly along the north line of said
67 Block 21 to the northeast corner thereof; thence
68 Southerly and Southwesterly along the east line of
69 said Block 21 to the southeast corner thereof; thence
70 Southerly to the northeast corner of Block T of
71 aforesaid Map of Lake Wales, according to the plat
72 thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1C, Page 88A; thence
73 Southerly, Southeasterly and Southerly along the east
74 line of said Block T to the southeast corner thereof;
75 thence Westerly along the south line of said Block T

76 to the southwest corner thereof; thence continue
77 Westerly to the southeast corner of Lot 20, Block 25
78 of aforesaid Map of Lake Wales, according to the plat
79 thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1C, Page 88A, said
80 southeast corner of Lot 20 being on the west right-of-
81 way line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Corridor
82 as portrayed on said Map of Lake Wales; thence
83 Southeasterly along the platted west right-of-way line
84 of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Corridor according
85 to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1C, Page
86 88A to the southeast corner of Lot 1, Block 37 of
87 aforesaid Map of Lake Wales, according to the plat
88 thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1C, Page 88A; thence
89 Westerly along the south line of Lots 1 through 6,
90 Block 37 to the southwest corner of said Lot 6, Block
91 37; thence Westerly to the southeast corner of Lot 1,
92 Block 38 of aforesaid Map of Lake Wales, according to
93 the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1C, Page
94 88A; thence Westerly along the south line of Lots 1
95 through 10, Block 38 to the southwest corner of said
96 Lot 10, Block 38; thence Northwesterly to the
97 aforesaid southeast corner of Lot 1, Block 1 of
98 Heckscher Second Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book
99 6, Page 45 and the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.