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2 An act relating to City of Ocala, Marion County;
3 creating and designating boundaries of an
4 entertainment event zone within the downtown area of
5 the city; providing an exception to general law;
6 requiring the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and
7 Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional
8 Regulation to issue a special permit to bona fide
9 licensed vendors operating within the entertainment
10 event zone for the sale of alcoholic beverages for
11 consumption off the licensed premises and on public
12 rights-of-way and public park property during city-
13 approved special events; requiring adoption of a
14 resolution approving such special events by the Ocala
15 City Council during an advertised public hearing;
16 providing that special permits are in addition to
17 certain other authorized temporary permits; requiring
18 bona fide licensed vendors to comply with all other
19 statutory requirements; providing an exemption from
20 general law; providing an effective date.

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

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24 Section 1. There is created a special zone in the City of
25 Ocala to be known as the "Downtown Ocala Event Zone," more

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26 particularly described as follows:

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28 Commencing at the corner of NW 2nd Avenue and NW 1st
29 Street; thence east along the center line of NW and NE
30 1st Street to the center line of NE Watula Avenue;
31 thence south along the center line of NE and SE Watula
32 Ave to the center line of SE 5th Street; thence west
33 along the center line of SE 5th Street to the center
34 line of SE Osceola Avenue; thence north along the
35 center line of SE Osceola Avenue to the center line of
36 SE 3rd Street; thence west along the center line of SE
37 and SW 3rd Street to the center line of SW 2nd Avenue;
38 thence north along Center line of SW and NW 2nd Avenue
39 to the point of beginning.

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41 Section 2. Notwithstanding chapter 561, Florida Statutes,
42 the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the
43 Department of Business and Professional Regulation shall issue a
44 special permit to bona fide licensed vendors for consumption on
45 the premises, operating a licensed premises within the Downtown
46 Ocala Event Zone, upon adoption of a resolution approving a
47 special event and street closure by the Ocala City Council
48 during an advertised public hearing, to temporarily sell
49 alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises in open
50 containers that may be removed from the premises by patrons and

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51 consumed within the Downtown Ocala Event Zone. The type and
52 color of the open container shall be identified in the
53 resolution approved by the Ocala City Council. Such special
54 permit may be authorized for no more than 12 outdoor events per
55 calendar year and is valid only for the duration of each special
56 event approved by the Ocala City Council.

57 Section 3. The special permits authorized by this act
58 shall be granted in addition to any other temporary permits
59 authorized pursuant to chapter 561, Florida Statutes.

60 Section 4. Bona fide licensed vendors shall comply with
61 all other requirements of chapter 561, Florida Statutes, while
62 conducting business pursuant to special permits authorized by
63 this act.

64 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.