

Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association's 2016 Legislative Scorecard



Passed	Failed	Issue	Issues Overview
	X	Business Rent Tax	Reduced the tax levied on the total rent or license fee charge for real property from six percent to five percent.
✓		Tourist Development Tax (TDT)	Applies only to Okaloosa, Bay, and Walton Counties. Allows reimbursement of up to ten percent of the TDT revenue for emergency services. Must have a majority vote of county commissioners upon receipt of a recommendation from the Tourist Development Council.
✓		VISIT FLORIDA funding	With FRLA as one of its biggest allies, VISIT FLORIDA received \$76 million in the 2016 budget.
	X	Expansion of Gambling	Would have allowed additional slot machines, provided lower taxes for pari-mutuels with slot machines and allowed decoupling.
✓		Kegs	Allows an annual or semi-annual inventory and reconciliation process of kegs, by qualified vendors.

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✓		SRX Requirement Modification	Amends the local exception in Hillsborough and Martin Counties, reducing the square foot requirement from 4,000 square feet to no less than 2,500 square feet.
	✗	Minimum Wage	Would have required employers to pay employees a minimum wage at an hourly rate of \$15 for all hours worked.
	✗	Separation of Alcohol	Would have repealed the separation requirement, allowing, the sale of alcohol alongside beer and wine in the same aisle, and within the same store.
✓		Polystyrene Products	Preempts to the state, the regulation of polystyrene products, commonly known as Styrofoam.
	✗	Paid Sick Leave	Would have required employers to provide employees with 1 hour of sick time per every 30 hours worked.
	✗	Powdered Alcohol	Prohibits the sale, use, or possession of powdered alcohol.



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