

Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association's 2015 Legislative Scorecard



Passed	Failed	Issue	Issues Overview
	X	Expansion of Gambling	Allows two destination resorts in Miami-Dade and/or Broward County, creates the Department of Gaming Control, allows greyhound tracks to decouple racing and gambling, and mandates a referendum or county commission vote in Miami-Dade and Broward County.
✓		Amusement Games	Provides the necessary legal clarification ensuring amusement games are not considered gaming devices.
✓		School Start Date	Gives local school boards the ability to change the beginning of the school year from “14 days before Labor Day” to no earlier than the 10th of August. * While this bill passed, FRLA will be working diligently to move school start date closer Labor Day. This remains one of our top priorities for our industry.
✓		Public Lodging	Permits members of the military to rent hotel and motel rooms regardless of their age.
	X	Commercial Lease Sales Tax	Reduces the tax levied on the total rent or license fee charged for real property from six percent to five percent.

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✓		Growlers and Craft Breweries	Requires all malt beverages not manufactured at a brewery to be obtained through a distributor, limits amount of malt beverages that can be transferred between breweries, and authorizes the sale of the 64 ounce growler.
✓		Craft Distilleries	Defines the number of bottles of each spirit that can be sold directly to the public, but prohibits the shipping of any of its distilled spirits to consumers.
	✗	Package Stores	Would have repealed the separation requirement, thus allowing, the sale of alcohol alongside beer and wine in the same aisle, and within the same store.
	✗	Airbnb	Establishes insurance requirements for short-term rental network companies and transportation network companies.
	✗	Powdered Alcohol	Prohibits the sale, use, or possession of powdered alcohol with a sunset provision of July 1, 2017.
✓		Service Animals	Revises the definition of “individual with a disability,” limits the service animal to a dog or miniature horse, and increases the penalty for misrepresenting an untrained service animal.



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