Alcohol Sales and Rental Property During 2026 World Cup; HB 2481

HB 2481 authorizes the sale of alcoholic beverages 23 hours a day, 7 days a week, for the duration of the FIFA 2026 World Cup and, from May 15, 2026, through July 25, 2026, requires the collection of transient guest taxes for any short-term rental or vacation unit and prohibits city and county governments from limiting the number of permits or other authorizations required for the operation of such units.

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The bill authorizes the board of county commissioners of any county by resolution, or the governing body of any city by ordinance, to elect to allow such sales. A county or city making such an election is required to submit a copy of the resolution or ordinance to the Director of Alcoholic Beverage Control (Director), Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Department of Revenue.

Any entity located within such a city or county and licensed by the State to sell alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage in the original package or for consumption on the premises is permitted to make such sales between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. on the immediately following day, from June 11, 2026, through July 19, 2026.

These provisions of the bill expire from and after July 20, 2026.

Transient Guest Taxes

During the applicable time period, a municipality is required to process and issue a response to a completed application to operate a short-term rental or vacation unit within 15 days or be automatically deemed as approved and no additional regulation or code requirement by the municipality as a condition of approval is permitted.

The bill defines “short-term rental or vacation unit or property” and “transient guest” for purposes of the bill and makes technical and conforming changes.