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An act relating to the City of Freeport, Walton County; providing exceptions to general law; providing requirements for a specialty center designation; authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises of a specialty center under certain conditions; providing that an applicant for an alcoholic beverage license to be located in a specialty center may not be denied licensure under certain conditions; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding s. 561.20(2), Florida Statutes, or any other provision of law, the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation may designate property as a specialty center within the city of Freeport if a minimum of 25 acres adjacent to the specialty center was donated to the Walton County School Board and at the time of the donation the specialty center property and the donated property were owned by the same entity or an entity with common ownership. Such specialty center may not comprise more than 15 acres.

Section 2. Notwithstanding ss. 562.45 and 561.01(11), Florida Statutes, or any other provision of law, alcoholic

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26 | beverages sold for consumption on the premises of a specialty
27 | center by a vendor may be consumed anywhere within the specialty
28 | center. An applicant for an alcoholic beverage license to be
29 | located in a specialty center may not be denied licensure based
30 | solely on distance from educational facilities if the shortest
31 | route of ordinary pedestrian travel along the public thoroughfare
32 | from the main entrance of the place of business to the main
33 | entrance of the school is at least 1,000 feet.

34 | Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.