

Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association

LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

2017

Passed	Failed	Issue	Issues Overview
	×	Elimination of VISIT FLORIDA	HB 7005 called for the complete elimination of VISIT FLORIDA, but after 20,000 emails and letters from the hospitality industry, the bill was amended to preserve the state's tourism marketing corporation.
\checkmark		VISIT FLORIDA Funding	After Governor Scott, President Negron and Speaker Corcoran agreed to a three-day special session, the Florida Legislature voted to fully fund VISIT FLORIDA at \$76 million.
V		Americans with Disabilities Act	Gives businesses the opportunity to voluntarily hire a state certified expert to identify ADA violations. Provides businesses with relief from "drive-by lawsuits".
	×	Vacation Rentals	Restricts the ability of local governments to regulate vacation rentals.
~		Separation of Alcohol	* Repeals the antiquated separation requirement, allowing the sale of alcohol alongside beer and wine in the same aisle, and within the same store.

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	X	Franchisee / Franchisor Agreement	Proposed a fundamental change between the franchisee / franchisor relationship.
\checkmark		Business Rent Tax	Reduces the business rent tax from 6% to 5.8%
	X	Workers' Compensation	After two Florida Supreme Court rulings and a 14.5% increase in rates this legislation closes the "statutory gap" in disability benefits and places a cap on attorney's fees.
	X	Gambling	After the House and Senate approved their separate gaming bills, negotiations to reach a compromise failed and the conference committees were dissolved.
	X	Minimum Wage	Increased the state minimum wage by rate of inflation for 12 months plus \$1 in 2017 and \$1.50 each subsequent year. The minimum wage bill was never heard in a committee.
\checkmark		Triumph Funding	Provides relief to the eight counties affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Permits funds to be used towards tourism and economic development.



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