

Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association

LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

2017

| Passed | Failed | Issue | Issues Overview |
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| | × | 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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