

FLORIDA DBPR ISSUES EMERGENCY ORDER TO REOPEN BARS – EFFECTIVE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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DBPR EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-10 WILL ALLOW ALCOHOL VENDORS TO OPERATE PURSUANT TO

PHASE 2 OF FLORIDA'S SAFE. SMART. STEP-BY-STEP PLAN FOR RECOVERY

TALLAHASSEE, FLA. – Today, at the direction of Governor Ron DeSantis, Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) Secretary Halsey Beshears issued Emergency Order 2020-10, which rescinds the DBPR Amended Emergency Order 2020-09 effective on Monday, September 14, 2020. Under DBPR Emergency Order 2020-10, bars and other alcoholic beverage vendors may resume sales of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises on Monday, provided that their operations comply with the parameters of Phase 2 of the Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step Plan for Florida's Recovery as established in Executive Order 20-139. Beginning Monday, these vendors may operate at fifty percent of the facility's indoor capacity, allow bar service to seated patrons, and permit outdoor seating and service with appropriate social distancing.

"In meetings with hundreds of owners of bars and breweries across the state, I've heard their stories of struggle, and I've observed their serious commitment to making health and safety a continuing priority in their businesses," **SAID DBPR SECRETARY HALSEY BESHEARS.** "It's time that we take this step, and it's vital that we start moving forward with this sector of our hospitality industry who have endured one of the toughest paths for sustaining a business during this pandemic."

For more information, see the attached DBPR Emergency Order 2020-10 or visit www.myfloridalicense.com.

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