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**Hendry County – HB17 Local Regulation Preemption**

Municipalities and counties derive broad home rule authority from the Florida Constitution and general law. HB17 prohibits local governments from adopting or imposing new regulations on a business, profession, or occupation unless the regulation is expressly authorized by general law. The bill provides that this prohibition is effective retroactively to January 1, 2017.

Hendry County stands behind preserving and protecting home rule. The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners should have the authority to make the decisions that are best for our community and residents.

Hendry County has the following regulations that might be preempted by this legislation:

1. Pain management clinics
2. Restrictions on nudity in establishments serving alcoholic beverages
3. Display of tobacco products in retail establishments
4. The conduct of special events (concerts, festivals, carnivals, etc.)

Hendry has the following regulations that have some authority in general law, but it might be debated whether they are “expressly” authorized by general law, as required by the bill:

1. Construction specialty contractor licensing
2. Private solid waste collection and disposal
3. Private water and wastewater utilities

County government in Florida works for all Floridians. The citizens of the Sunshine State know they can rely on their counties and cities—the government closest to the people—to provide the basic services that keep their communities functioning.

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