

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 331

2015 Regular Session

Berthelot

June 10, 2015

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 331 by Representative Berthelot, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

1. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments proposed by Senator Amedee and adopted by the Senate on June 3, 2015, be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senator Jean-Paul J. Morrell

Representative Jeffery "Jeff" J. Arnold

Senator Karen Carter Peterson

Representative Franklin J. Foil

Senator "Jody" Amedee

DIGEST

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: Transfers the labeling review authority for alcoholic beverages

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Changed authorization for the employees of alcohol and tobacco control to enlist persons under the age of 18 to persons under the age of 18 or 21 to test compliance with the "Prevention of Youth Access to Tobacco Law."
2. Provided instructions to the Louisiana Law Institute.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law requires all manufacturers, packers, or proprietors of processed foods, proprietary or patent medicines, prophylactic devices, and cosmetics, in package form, to register each separate and distinct product annually with the Dept. of Health and Hospitals.

Proposed law retains present law but adds an exemption for alcoholic beverages as defined in present law.

Proposed law requires the commissioner of the office of alcohol and tobacco control to provide by rule for the registration, including submission and review of the container label, of all alcoholic beverages prior to being sold in this state.

Proposed law authorizes the commissioner to require the use of an electronic submission system by any person submitting an alcoholic beverage for registration and review.

Proposed law provides that the submission of a Certificate of Label Approval prepared in compliance with the requirements of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau shall constitute satisfactory compliance for the registration of products and labels, and the registration is effective upon submission of a completed application.

Proposed law requires all administrative rules previously adopted by the Dept. of Health and Hospitals relative to the registration of or review of labels for alcoholic beverages to remain in full force and effect until such time as the commissioner of the office of alcohol and tobacco control promulgates rules pursuant to proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 40:627(A); Adds R.S. 26:793(D) and R.S. 40:627(E))