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DIGEST

Morrell (SB 262)

Present law provides for the qualifications an applicant is required to possess in order to receive an alcoholic beverage permit or a dealer of malt/low alcoholic content permit.

Proposed law retains present law and requires that an applicant who is also applying for a video gaming license be a person:

1. Who has not been convicted in this or in any other state or by the United States or any other country of theft or any crime involving false statements or declarations, or gambling as defined by the laws and ordinances of any municipality, any parish, any state, or the United States.
2. Who has a spouse that has not been convicted of the above referenced offenses.

Proposed law provides that if the applicant is also applying for a video gaming license, the Commissioner of ATC is authorized to consider any arrest, summons, charge, or indictment of the applicant, or the dismissal thereof in determining suitability even if the arrest, summons, charge or indictment results in deferred adjudication, probation, parole, or pardon.

Proposed law requires all licensees and persons required to be qualified by ATC have a continuing duty to inform the commissioner of any action which they believe would constitute a violation of alcohol beverage laws and further prohibits discrimination against a person by an applicant or licensee because of supplying such information.

Proposed law requires all licensees and any other persons who have been found suitable to maintain suitability throughout the term of the license.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 26:80(A), (F)(2)(intro para), (H) and 280(A), (F)(2)(intro para), and (H); adds R.S. 26:80(I), (J), (K) and 280(I), (J), and (K))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill.

1. Removes provisions relative to an applicant whose prior activities, criminal

record, if any, reputation, habits, and associations do not pose a threat to the public interest of this state or to the effective regulation and control of alcoholic beverages, or create or enhance the dangers of unsuitable, unfair, or illegal practices, methods, and operations in the activities authorized by law and any financial arrangements incidental thereto.

2. Adds prohibition for applicants for a video gaming license from being convicted in this or in any other state or by the United States or any other country of theft or any crime involving false statements or declarations, or gambling as defined by the laws and ordinances of any municipality, any parish, any state, or the United States.