

Prior law created an exception for certain persons who were issued a manufacturer's permit as of April 1, 2003, and have been a licensed liquor distiller continuously since January 1, 1997, to become eligible to apply for and receive a Class B Retail Liquor Permit to sell no more than 2,500 cases of the alcoholic beverage manufactured on the premises annually.

New law repeals prior law exception and grants the commissioner of the office of alcohol, tobacco, and control the authority to issue a Class A-General retail permit or a Class B Retail Liquor Permit, or both, to any person who holds a valid manufacturer's permit issued by the state of Louisiana for a portion of a manufacturer's business premises where the manufacturer engages in the making, blending, rectifying, or processing of any alcoholic beverage in Louisiana provided the manufacturer complies with certain provisions of law and the following:

1. No person under the age of 18 years is allowed in the portion of the premises permitted as a Class-A General retail establishment.
2. Only alcoholic beverages manufactured at the licensed premises shall be sold, served, or consumed.
3. The manufacturer shall not sell any alcoholic beverages for transportation off the premises to any other licensed alcoholic beverage retail dealer.
4. The manufacturer shall not sell more than one case, as defined in law, to the same person each 30-day period.
5. The manufacturer shall file all excise tax reports and pay all excise taxes in connection with all alcoholic beverages served or sold at its Class A-General or Class B retail establishment.

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