AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:627(A) and to enact R.S. 26:793(D) and R.S. 40:627(E), relative to alcoholic beverage labels; to transfer the authority for the registration and label review of alcoholic beverages; to provide for administrative rules; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 26:793(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§793. Additional powers of the commissioner

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D.(1) The commissioner shall 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.

(2) The commissioner may require the use of an electronic submission system by any person submitting an alcoholic beverage for registration and review.

(3) 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 pursuant to this Subsection, and the registration shall become effective upon submission of a completed application.

Section 2. R.S. 40:627(A) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:627(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§627. Registration of certain products

A. The Except as provided in Subsection E of this Section, the department may require 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 department and
to supply it with a sample of each such product upon request.

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E. This Section shall not apply to alcoholic beverages. For the purposes of
this Section, "alcoholic beverages" has the same meaning as assigned in R.S. 26:2
and 241.

Section 3. All administrative rules previously adopted by the Department of Health
and Hospitals relative to the registration of or review of labels for alcoholic beverages shall
remain in full force and effect until such time as the commissioner of the office of alcohol
and tobacco control promulgates rules pursuant to this Act.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ____________________

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are additions.