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Present law, regarding Alcoholic Beverage Control Law, provides a three-tier system for distribution of alcoholic beverages and mandates separation between the tiers. The first tier consists of producers, manufacturers, and suppliers; the second tier consists of distributors and wholesalers; and the third tier consists of retailers. With few exceptions, only retailers (supermarkets, liquor stores, bars, restaurants, hotels, etc.) may sell to consumers.

Present law defines "liquor retail distribution center" as any commercial airline that stores alcoholic beverages in sealed containers of any size at any airport regularly served by the permittee. Provides that possession for retail sale or distribution therefrom shall be limited to alcohol of high volume content in any quantity.

Proposed law retains present law and adds to the definition any liquor retailer who has continuously maintained a distribution center or centers for distribution to its wholly owned retail permittees on or prior to January 1, 1961, in Louisiana. Proposed law restores language deleted by Act No. 449 of the 2018 Regular Session.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 26:2(9))