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SENATE BILL NO. 178

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. Provides relative to the delivery of alcoholic beverages. (gov sig)

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 26:271.2(2)(b), 271.4, and 308(A), (B), (C)(1), (2), (8) and
3	(11)(b), (D), (E), and (F)(1), relative to the delivery of alcoholic beverages; to
4	provide for third party delivery companies; to provide for delivery agreements; to
5	provide for requirements; to provide for limitations; and to provide for related
6	matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 26:271.2(2)(b), 271.4, and 308(A), (B), (C)(1), (2), (8) and (11)(b),
9	(D), (E), and (F)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
10	§271.2. Class A permit; definitions
11	The commissioner shall issue the following four types of Class A retail
12	permits for beverages of low alcoholic content:
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14	(2) Class A-Restaurant:
15	* * *
16	(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and subject to rules
17	promulgated by the commissioner, in addition to the authority to contract with a third

party <u>delivery company</u> as provided in R.S. 26:308, a permit may be issued to a "restaurant establishment" enabling the delivery of restaurant prepared food and alcohol <u>as defined in R.S. 26:2(1) and 241(1)(a)</u> with its own employees <u>or agents</u> <u>for which the retailer is required to file an Internal Revenue Service Form W-2 or 1099</u>. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 26:271(A)(2), the permit fee for the permit issued pursuant to this Subparagraph shall be two hundred fifty dollars.

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§271.4. Package house-Class B permit

Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary and subject to rules promulgated by the commissioner, in addition to the authority to contract with a third party <u>delivery company</u> as provided in R.S. 26:308, a permit may be issued to a grocery store enabling the delivery of alcohol <u>as defined in R.S. 26:2(1) and 241(1)(a)</u> with its own employees <u>or agents for which the retailer is required to file an Internal Revenue Service Form W-2 or 1099</u>. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 26:271(A)(2), the permit fee for the permit issued pursuant to this Section shall be two hundred fifty dollars.

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§308. Alcoholic beverages delivery agreements; requirements; limitations

A. For purposes of this Section only, a third party delivery company shall be defined as a third party delivery service that is licensed to do business in the state of Louisiana, permitted with the office of alcohol and tobacco control, and uses their own W-2 employees or agents for which the third party delivery company is required to file an Internal Revenue Service Form W-2 or 1099 for delivery. For all other alcohol delivery provisions of this Chapter, third party shall be the definition provided in R.S. 26:2 and 241.

B. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a retail dealer possessing a valid Class A-General retail permit as provided in R.S. 26:271.2, a Class "R" restaurant permit as provided in R.S. 26:272, or a package house-Class B, as defined in R.S. 26:241, permit as provided in this Chapter may enter into a written

1	agreement with a third party delivery company for the use of an internet or mobile
2	application or similar technology platform to facilitate the sale of alcoholic
3	beverages for delivery to consumers for personal consumption within this state and
4	the third party delivery company may deliver alcoholic beverages to the consumer.
5	C. An alcoholic beverage delivery agreement between a retail dealer and a
6	third party shall require all of the following:
7	(1) Only alcoholic beverages purchased from a wholesale dealer licensed
8	pursuant to this Chapter Title are offered for delivery.
9	(2) Only alcoholic beverages of low alcoholic content, beer, sparkling wine
10	as defined in R.S. 26:2(1), and still wine as defined in R.S. 26:241(1)(a) are offered
11	for delivery.
12	* * *
13	(8) No alcoholic beverages shall be delivered more than ten twenty-five
14	miles from the place of purchase.
15	* * *
16	(11) Alcoholic beverages are delivered only by a person that meets all of the
17	following requirements:
18	* * *
19	(b) The person is an employee <u>or agent</u> for which the third party <u>delivery</u>
20	company shall be required to file an Internal Revenue Service Form W-2 or 1099.
21	* * *
22	D. A retail dealer shall enter into an alcoholic beverage delivery agreement
23	with a third party delivery company only when the third party meets all of the
24	following requirements:
25	(1) The third party delivery company is properly registered and authorized
26	to conduct business in Louisiana.
27	(2) The third party <u>delivery company</u> holds a valid Louisiana alcoholic
28	beverage permit issued pursuant to R.S. 26:271.2(1)(j).
29	(3) The third-party delivery service company shall maintain a general

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1	liability insurance policy with a liquor liability endorsement in an amount no less
2	than one million dollars per occurrence for the duration of the agreement with the
3	retail dealer and shall provide proof of coverage to the retail dealer.
4	(4) The third party delivery company is able to monitor the routes of its
5	employees or agents during alcoholic beverage deliveries.
6	(5) The third party <u>delivery company</u> conducts an interview and a
7	background check of all persons that will deliver alcoholic beverages.
8	E. A retail dealer may pay a third party delivery company a fee for its
9	services and a third party may charge a reasonable delivery fee for orders delivered
10	by the third party delivery company . A third party delivery company properly
11	licensed pursuant to this Section or its authorized agent may act as an agent of
12	a retail dealer in the collection of payments from the sale of alcoholic beverages, but
13	the full amount of each order must be handled in a manner that gives the retail dealer
14	control over the ultimate receipt of the payment from the consumer. A third party
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vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become

1 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

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SB 178 Original

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<u>Present law</u> adds additional ATC-issued permits for the delivery of low alcohol content beverages by restaurants, grocery stores, holders of a package house-Class B permit, and third parties, and sets the amount of the fees for such permits.

Proposed law removes the limitation on delivery to only low alcohol content beverages.

<u>Present law</u> defines a third party delivery company as a third party delivery service that is licensed to do business in the state of La., permitted with ATC, and uses their own W-2 employees for delivery.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but also provides that a third party delivery company may also utilize the service of agents that receive an IRS Form 1099 as proof of compensation for their services. Persons that receive an IRS Form 1099 are considered independent contractors and not employees.

<u>Present law</u> prohibits alcoholic beverages from being delivered more than 10 miles from the place of purchase.

<u>Proposed law</u> expands the delivery area <u>from</u> 10 miles <u>to</u> 25 miles from the place of purchase.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that a third party delivery company or its authorized agent may also act as an agent of a retail dealer for the purposes of processing, assembling, packaging, and fulfilling alcoholic beverage orders for delivery from the retailer's licensed premises with no additional permit required of a retail dealer who has contracted with a third party delivery company for the purpose of processing, assembling, packaging, and fulfilling alcoholic beverage orders for delivery from the retailer's licensed premises.

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

(Amends R.S. 26:271.2(2)(b), 271.4, and 308(A), (B), (C)(1), (2), (8) and (11)(b), (D), (E), and (F)(1))