

1 the approval of the product within fifteen business days of the date of submission.
2 If the department fails to notify the submitting party within fifteen business days of
3 the date of submission, the product may be sold by a wholesaler or retailer permitted
4 pursuant to R.S. 3:1484 from the day following the fifteenth business day until the
5 submitting party receives final approval or denial from the department for the
6 product.

7 **(b) Allow any product that is pending approval and is affixed with a**
8 **pending approval sticker to be stored by the retailer or wholesaler in a separate**
9 **storage area, without the product being confiscated pending the final approval**
10 **or denial from the department.**

11 **(c)(i) Upon denying approval of the product, allow the retailer or**
12 **wholesaler to submit proof to the department within five business days of the**
13 **date of the denial notification, that the supplier or manufacturer was contacted**
14 **to return the product. If the retailer or wholesaler fails to submit proof of**
15 **contacting the supplier or manufacturer within the five days, on the sixth**
16 **business day the product shall be confiscated or destroyed at any time.**

17 **(ii) If the retailer or wholesaler has submitted proof to the department**
18 **that the supplier or manufacturer was contacted to return the product, the**
19 **product shall be removed from the storage area and returned to the supplier or**
20 **manufacturer within thirty calendar days of the date of the denial notification**
21 **from the department. Any product not returned by the thirtieth calendar day**
22 **shall be confiscated or destroyed at any time.**

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26 C.**(1)** The commissioner may establish and collect an annual retail permit fee
27 and an annual special event permit fee. The amount of each permit fee provided for
28 in this Subsection shall be based on the cost of the regulatory functions performed
29 and shall not exceed one hundred seventy-five dollars per year.

Present law authorizes the commissioner to establish and collect an annual retail permit fee and an annual special event permit fee in an amount based on the cost of the regulatory functions performed and not exceed \$175 per year.

Proposed law retains present law and requires the commissioner to electronically notify each retailer, within five business days, of the legal status if consumable hemp products are declared illegal to sell in the state.

Proposed law provides that after submitting the detailed inventory list to the commissioner, each retailer shall have six months, after the day the commissioner receives the list, to sell the consumable hemp products identified in the detailed inventory list.

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(Amends R.S. 3:1483(G)(1) and 1484(C))