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Abstract: Excludes an oral nicotine pouch product from the definition of "alternative nicotine product".

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 26:901 et seq.) provides for regulation of the sale of tobacco products, vapor products, and alternative nicotine products.

<u>Present law</u> defines "tobacco product" as any cigar, cigarette, smokeless tobacco, or smoking tobacco.

Present law defines "vapor product" as any non combustible product containing nicotine or other substances that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical, or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce vapor from nicotine or other substances. Provides that "vapor product" includes any electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device and any vapor cartridge or other container of nicotine in a solution or other form that is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device. Provides that "vapor product" does not include a product that is a drug pursuant to federal law (21 U.S.C. 321(g)(1)), a device pursuant to federal law (21 U.S.C. 321(h)), or a combination product described in federal law (21 U.S.C. 353(g)).

Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Present law</u> defines "alternative nicotine product" as a non-combustible product containing nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, absorbed, dissolved, or ingested by any other means. Provides that "alternative nicotine product" does not include any of the following:

- (1) Tobacco product.
- (2) Vapor product.
- (3) Product that is a drug pursuant to federal law (21 U.S.C. 321(g)(1)).
- (4) Device pursuant to <u>federal law</u> (21 U.S.C. 321(h)).
- (5) Combination product described in federal law (21 U.S.C. 353(g)).

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and additionally provides that "alternative nicotine product" does not include an oral nicotine pouch product.

(Adds R.S. 26:901(1)(f))