

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 481

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMT: Provides relative to limitations on the issuance of certain alcoholic beverage permits

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 26:81.1 and 281.1, relative to limitations of the issuance of certain alcohol
3 beverage permits; to prohibit the issuance of alcoholic beverage permits in certain
4 areas; to provide for a temporary moratorium; to provide for an effective date; to
5 provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
7 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
8 Louisiana.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 26:81.1 and 281.1 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §81.1. Limitation on issuance of permits

12 A. Beginning on August 1, 2025, and ending on December 31, 2026, no
13 permits for the sale of alcoholic beverages under this Chapter shall be granted within
14 the boundaries of District 3 of the Louisiana House of Representatives.

15 B. The provisions of this Subsection shall apply only to a licensed premises
16 of a Class B or Class C permit that contains less than five thousand square feet of
17 public habitable floor area.

18 C. Any valid permits existing on August 1, 2025, may continue and be
19 renewed if the permit holder remains in compliance with all other provisions of law
20 and local ordinances. A permit holder shall not be issued permits for additional

1 locations within the boundaries of District 3 of the Louisiana House of
2 Representatives. However, if any such permit holder ceases to operate as a business
3 or if any such permit holder fails to maintain a valid permit for any reason and for
4 any period of time, the permit holder shall not be entitled to a renewal of the permit.

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6 §281.1. Limitation on issuance of permits

7 A. Beginning on August 1, 2025, and ending on December 31, 2026, no
8 permits for the sale of alcoholic beverages under this Chapter shall be granted within
9 the boundaries of District 3 of the Louisiana House of Representatives.

10 B. The provisions of this Subsection shall apply only to a licensed premises
11 of a Class B or Class C permit that contains less than five thousand square feet of
12 public habitable floor area.

13 C. Any valid permits existing on August 1, 2025, may continue and be
14 renewed if the permit holder remains in compliance with all other provisions of law
15 and local ordinances. A permit holder shall not be issued permits for additional
16 locations within the boundaries of District 3 of the Louisiana House of
17 Representatives. However, if any such permit holder ceases to operate as a business
18 or if any such permit holder fails to maintain a valid permit for any reason and for
19 any period of time, the permit holder shall not be entitled to a renewal of the permit.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits the issuance of certain Class B and C permits for the sale of high or low alcoholic beverages within the boundaries of District 3 of the La. House of Representatives from Aug. 1, 2025, through Dec. 31, 2026.

Present law provides the issuance and regulation of various high and low alcoholic beverage permits.

Proposed law provides that beginning on Aug. 1, 2025, and ending on Dec. 31, 2026, no permits for the sale of high or low alcoholic beverages issued under present law shall be granted within the boundaries of District 3 of the La. House of Representatives.

Proposed law provides that the limitation on the issuance of permits shall apply only to Class B or Class C permits for licensed premises that contain less than 5,000 square feet of public habitable floor area.

Proposed law provides that valid existing permits may continue and be renewed if the permit holder remains in compliance with all other provisions of law and local ordinances.

Proposed law provides that if any such permit holder ceases to operate as a business or if any such permit holder fails to maintain a valid permit for any reason and for any period of time, the permit holder shall not be entitled to a new or renewal permit.

(Adds R.S. 26:81.1 and 281.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Change the prohibition of the issuance of permits from Dec. 31, 2030 to Dec. 31, 2026.
2. Provide that the limitation on the issuance of permits shall apply only to Class B or Class C permits for licensed premises that contain less than 5,000 square feet of public habitable floor area.