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HB 481 Reengrossed

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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.

<u>Present law provides the issuance and regulation of various high and low alcoholic beverage permits.</u>

<u>Proposed law</u> 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 <u>present law</u> shall be granted within the boundaries of District 3 of the La. House of Representatives.

<u>Proposed law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> 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.