
DIGEST

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HB 1053 Original

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Ventrella

Abstract: Redefines "dealer" and "retail dealer" for purposes of alcohol permits.

Present law defines "dealer", for the purpose of the issuance of an alcohol permit, as any person who, as a business, manufactures, blends, rectifies, distills, processes, imports, stores, uses, handles, holds, sells, offers for sale, solicits orders for the sale of, distributes, delivers, serves, or transports any alcoholic beverage in the state of La.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that "dealer" does not mean a retailer of goods or services whose business operations do not include the sale of alcoholic beverages, when the retailer offers an alcoholic beverage to one or more customers on a complimentary basis and only as incidental to its principal business.

Proposed law further provides that this service does not constitute engaging in the business of dealing in alcoholic beverages and does not require an alcohol permit, provided that all alcoholic beverages are purchased from a retailer licensed in the state of La.

Present law defines "retail dealer", for the purpose of the issuance of an alcohol permit, as every person who offers for sale, exposes for sale, has in his possession for sale or distribution, or sells alcoholic beverages in any quantity to persons other than licensed wholesale or retail dealers.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that "retail dealer" does not mean a retailer of goods or services whose business operations do not include the sale of alcoholic beverages, when the retailer offers an alcoholic beverage to one or more customers on a complimentary basis and only as incidental to its principal business.

Proposed law further provides that this service does not constitute engaging in the business of dealing in alcoholic beverages and does not require an alcohol permit, provided that all alcoholic beverages are purchased from a retailer licensed in the state of La.

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

(Amends R.S. 26:2(7) and 241(24))