

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1018

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

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

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 26:81.2 and 281.2, relative to limitation of the issuance of certain alcoholic
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. 26:81.2 and 281.2 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §81.2. Limitation on issuance of permits; District 2 of the Louisiana House of
12 Representatives

13 A. Beginning on August 1, 2026, and ending on December 31, 2027, no
14 permits for the sale of alcoholic beverages under this Chapter shall be granted within
15 the boundaries of District 2 of the Louisiana House of Representatives.

16 B. (1) This Section applies only to a licensed premises of a Class B or Class
17 C permit that contains less than five thousand square feet of public habitable floor
18 area.

19 (2) This Section does not apply to any of the following:

1 C. Any valid permits existing on August 1, 2026, may continue and be
 2 renewed if the permit holder remains in compliance with all other provisions of law
 3 and local ordinances. However, if the permit holder ceases to operate as a business
 4 or fails to maintain a valid permit for any reason and for any period of time, the
 5 permit holder shall not be eligible to renew the permit. A permit holder shall not be
 6 issued permits for additional locations within the boundaries of District 2 of the
 7 Louisiana House of Representatives.

8 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 9 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 10 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 11 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 12 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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HB 1018 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 2 of the La. House of Representatives from Aug. 1, 2026, through Dec. 31, 2027.

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

Beginning on Aug. 1, 2026, and ending on Dec. 31, 2027, proposed law prohibits the issuance of new permits for the sale of high or low alcoholic beverages within the boundaries of District 2 of the La. House of Representatives.

Proposed law provides that the limitation on the issuance of permits applies 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 the limitation on the issuance of permits does not apply to licensed premises located in the Shreveport Downtown Development District, licensed premises located in Bossier City, or to a licensed premises purchased by the owner of another licensed premise if the purchased premises is not in violation of federal, state, or local laws at the time of the acquisition.

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 fails to maintain a valid permit for any reason and for any period of time, the permit holder is not eligible to renew the permit.

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

(Adds R.S. 26:81.2 and 281.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Provide that the limitation on the issuance of permits does not apply to licensed premises located in the Shreveport Downtown Development District.
2. Provide that the limitation on the issuance of permits does not apply to licensed premises located in Bossier City.
3. Provide that the limitation on the issuance of permits does not apply to a licensed premises purchased by the owner of another licensed premises if the purchased premises is not in violation of federal, state, or local laws at the time of the acquisition.