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Pierre

Abstract: Provides relative to the regulation of vapor products and alternative nicotine products.

<u>Present law</u> defines "wholesale dealer" as including a dealer who sells cigarettes, cigars, or other tobacco products for resale.

Proposed law retains present law and adds vapor products to the definition of "wholesale dealer".

<u>Present law</u> requires a permit from the office of alcohol and tobacco control to sell at retail cigarettes, cigars, and other tobacco products.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and also requires a permit to sell vapor products and alternative nicotine products.

<u>Present law</u> prohibits retail dealers from purchasing tobacco products for resale except from a wholesale dealer who has a valid ATC permit.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and also makes it applicable to retail dealers selling vapor products or alternative nicotine products.

<u>Proposed law</u> applies other regulations applicable to tobacco products to vapor products and alternative nicotine products.

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

(Amends R.S. 26:901(34), 906(A), and 911(B)(1) and (2); Adds R.S. 26:925)