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## DIGEST

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HB 246 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Authorizes manufacturers or brewers to host up to twelve private events at the brewing facility and provides certain restrictions for such events.

Present law, in part, defines "manufacturer or brewer" as any person who personally or otherwise engages in the making, blending, rectifying, brewing, or other processing of alcoholic beverages for shipments to licensed wholesale dealers within the state.

Present law provides that a manufacturer or brewer may sell or serve only those products brewed at a La. facility to the public only at that facility for consumption on or off the premises but not for resale.

Present law further provides that the total amount of sales to the public for any given month shall not exceed 10% of the total amount of the product brewed monthly or 250 barrels, whichever is greater.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that private events can be held at a brewing facility if the following conditions are met:

- (1) A copy of the lease is provided to the commissioner at least ten days prior to the event.
- (2) The brewer may charge a reasonable rental fee to the third party for the private event.
- (3) The third party or brewer shall not charge a cover charge, entry fee, or sell entry tickets in connection with the event.
- (4) No food or beverages shall be sold to guests of the private event.
- (5) The third party may serve to guests alcoholic beverages manufactured by the brewer, but the brewer shall not charge the third party more than its standard prices for such products.
- (6) The third party may serve to guests food that is prepared either by the third party or by a restaurant or caterer hired by the third party to prepare and serve the food.
- (7) Minors shall be allowed in the bar area of the facility during the private event.

(Amends R.S. 26:241(10); Adds R.S. 26:307)

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Remove proposed law granting a general authority to host private events.
2. Limit the number of private events to not more than twelve.
3. Require a copy of the lease with the third party to be provided to the commissioner at least ten days prior to the event.
4. Place restrictions on the fees that may be charged to the third party.
5. Place restrictions on the service and sale of food and beverages to guests of the private event.
6. Authorize minors to be in the bar area of the facility during the event.