
DIGEST

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HB 244 Engrossed

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Pierre

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

Present law 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".

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

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

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

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

Proposed law applies other regulations applicable to tobacco products to vapor products and alternative nicotine products.

Proposed law adds a definition of "E-liquid".

Proposed law retains present law and requires a vapor retail dealer shall purchase alternative nicotine products or vapor products for resale from a valid Louisiana wholesale dealer with an active permit.

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. 26:901(35) and 925)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.

2. Add definition of E-liquid.
3. Add a requirement for vapor retail dealers to purchase only from a wholesale dealer operating with a valid unsuspended Louisiana wholesale dealer permit.