

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 332

BY SENATOR HENRY

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. Provides relative to the alcohol permits. (8/1/22)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:80(A)(2) and 280(A)(2), relative to the office of alcohol and tobacco control; to provide relative to permits; to provide relative to residency requirements; to remove the two-year residency requirement for alcohol retail permits; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 26:80(A)(2) and 280(A)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§80. Qualifications of applicants for permits

A. Applicants for state and local permits of all kinds shall demonstrate that they meet all of the following qualifications and conditions:

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(2) Be a citizen of the United States and the state of Louisiana and a resident of the state of Louisiana continuously for a period of not less than two years next preceding the date of the filing of the application. However, the requirements as to Louisiana citizenship **and residency** do not apply to wholesalers ~~or retailers~~ who held permits on or prior to January 1, 1946, or to liquor retailers as defined in R.S.

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§280. Qualifications of applicants for permits

A. Applicants for state and local permits of all kinds shall demonstrate that they meet the following qualifications and conditions:

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(2) Be a citizen of the United States and of the state of Louisiana and a resident of the state of Louisiana continuously for a period of not less than two years next preceding the date of the filing of the application. However, the requirements as to Louisiana citizenship **and residency** do not apply to wholesale or retail dealers who have continuously held permits since July 26, 1944, **or to liquor retailers as defined in R.S. 26:241(11).**

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The original instrument was prepared by Tracy Sudduth. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Michelle D. Ridge.

DIGEST

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Present law provides that applicants for state and local high and low alcohol retail permits be a citizen of the United States and the state of Louisiana and a resident of the state of Louisiana continuously for a period of not less than two years next preceding the date of the filing of the application. However, the requirements as to Louisiana citizenship do not apply to wholesalers or retailers who held permits on or prior to January 1, 1946, or for beverages of low alcohol content permits since July 26, 1944.

Proposed law removes the two-year residency requirement for alcohol retail permits.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 26:80(A)(2) and 280(A)(2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

1. Makes technical changes.