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Abstract: Provides with respect to microbreweries.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes any person who has properly obtained a microbrewer's permit as provided for in <u>present law</u>, to engage in the brewing of beer and other malt beverages in a quantity not to exceed 12,500 barrels during the licensed year.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the holder of the microbrewer's permit to sell the manufactured beverages at retail for consumption on or off the licensed premises, if the holder also has been issued a Retailer, Class A permit.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes a licensed wholesaler to transfer from a permitted microbrewery to another permitted microbrewery up to 50% of the total manufactured beverages sold at the receiving microbrewery provided all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The microbrewery receiving the transferred manufactured beverages be wholly owned by the permitted microbrewery that brews the manufactured beverages authorized for transfer.
- (2) The receiving microbrewery have, at a minimum, a 10-barrel brewing system.
- (3) The microbrewery transferring the manufactured beverages shall be responsible for paying all applicable federal, state, and local excise taxes on the transferred manufactured beverages.
- (4) Only one permitted microbrewery within the same municipality be allowed to receive the transfer of manufactured beverages.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but changes the minimum requirement of a receiving microbrewery <u>from</u> a 10-barrel brewing system <u>to</u> a 5-barrel brewing system.

(Amends R.S. 26:271.1(A)(2)(b))