

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 190

BY SENATOR MCMATH

A RESOLUTION

To create and provide for the Louisiana Alcoholic Beverage Permit Streamlining Task Force to study ways to streamline the application for and issuance of state, parish, and municipal alcoholic beverage permits, eliminate duplicative processes and procedures, and to recommend to the Senate any proposals for legislation the task force deems necessary or appropriate prior to February 1, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Alcoholic Beverage Control Law, R.S. 26:1 et seq., requires that anyone seeking to sell or serve alcoholic beverages to the public must apply for and obtain a permit from the state office of alcohol and tobacco control (ATC) prior to engaging in such activity; and

WHEREAS, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law also authorizes parishes and municipalities to require a local alcoholic beverage permit and to assess fees for such permits from anyone who obtains a state alcoholic beverage permit to sell or serve alcoholic beverages at retail within their territorial limits; and

WHEREAS, the statutory qualifications established for applicants for state, parish, and municipal alcoholic beverage permits are essentially the same, making the application processes duplicative serving no additional public welfare purpose or benefit when repeated at both levels; and

WHEREAS, simplifying and streamlining the local and state alcoholic beverage permit application processes and procedures would conserve scarce local and state resources, promote government efficiency, and improve the business operating environment throughout Louisiana by eliminating unnecessary procedural redundancies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby establish and provide for the Louisiana Alcoholic Beverage Permit Streamlining Task Force to study ways to streamline the application for and issuance of state, parish, and municipal alcoholic beverage permits, eliminate duplicative processes and procedures, and to propose recommendations, together with specific proposals for legislation, by written report to the Senate and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required

by R.S. 24:771 and 772, no later than February 1, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of the following members:

(1) The commissioner of the office of alcohol and tobacco control, or his designee, who shall serve as chairperson of the task force.

(2) The president of the Senate, or his designee.

(3) The chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary B, or another member of the committee designated by the chair.

(4) The executive director of the Louisiana Municipal Association.

(5) The executive director of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana.

(6) The executive director of the Louisiana Oil Marketers and Convenience Store Association, or his designee.

(7) The executive director of the Beer Industry League of Louisiana, or his designee.

(8) The executive director of the Wine and Spirits Foundation of Louisiana, or his designee.

(9) The president of the Louisiana Restaurant Association, or his designee.

(10) The president of the Louisiana Retailers Association, or his designee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each designating authority shall submit the names of designees to the task force to the chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary B no later than September 1, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the task force shall convene for its first meeting no later than October 1, 2025, at the call of chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary B, and at the first meeting, the members shall elect other officers as the task force may deem appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the task force shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All official actions of the task force shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve without compensation, except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be individually entitled as members of their constituent organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the staff of the Senate Committee on Judiciary B and the staff of the office of alcohol and tobacco control shall provide support to the task force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall terminate on the date of the submission of its report or February 1, 2026, whichever occurs first.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of the office of alcohol and tobacco control, the president of the Senate, the chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary B, the executive director of the Louisiana Municipal Association, the executive director of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, the executive director of the Louisiana Oil Marketers and Convenience Store Association, the executive director of the Beer Industry League of Louisiana, the executive director of the Wine and Spirits Foundation of Louisiana, the president of the Louisiana Restaurant Association, and the president of the Louisiana Retailers Association.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE