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Rosalind Jones HB No. 196

Abstract: Authorizes the commissioner of alcohol and tobacco control to issue a permit to sell alcohol of high or low alcoholic content for a two-year term, and adds to the list of persons authorized to issue probationary permits.

Present law provides that permits for selling alcohol of high or low content are valid for one year unless suspended or revoked.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally provides that, at the discretion of the commissioner, a permit may be valid for two years unless suspended or revoked.

Proposed law provides that prior to issuing a two-year permit, the commissioner shall promulgate rules to provide for the requirements, qualifications, and conduct which constitutes "good standing" for purposes of qualifying for a two-year permit.

Present law authorizes the commissioner and local authorities to issue alcohol permits on a probationary basis subject to final action on the permit.

Proposed law retains present law and adds officers appointed and commissioned by the commissioner and other employees of the office of alcohol and tobacco control according to standards and procedures established by the commissioner.

(Amends R.S. 26:71(A)(intro. para.), 76(A)(1), (6), and (7), 79, 88(A) and (B), 89, 271(A)(intro. para.), 276(A)(1), (6), and (7), 279, and 285(A) and (B))