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Templet HB No. 234

Abstract: Authorizes the use of video conferencing at ATC hearings.

Present law provides for the regulation of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products and provides for the issuance of permits to sell those products.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides for administrative hearings regarding alcohol and tobacco permits.

Proposed law retains present law and authorizes the commissioner to use telecommunications equipment for the conducting of hearings.

Proposed law provides that prior to utilizing such technology, the commissioner shall adopt rules pursuant to the provisions of the APA to provide for the methods and requirements of utilizing teleconference, video link, or other visual remote communications technology for conducting hearings.

(Adds R.S. 26:99.1, 296.1, and 919.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill.

1. Added requirement that commissioner adopt rules prior to utilizing teleconference, video link, or other visual remote communications for conducting hearings.

2. Deleted proposed law provisions specifying that agents or employees are not required to be physically present.