R. Jones **HB No. 196**

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMT. Provides for the issuance of alcohol permits.

DIGEST

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

Proposed law retains present law and additionally provides that, at the discretion of the commissioner of the office of alcohol and tobacco control (ATC), a permit may be issued 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 temporary alcohol permits on a probationary basis subject to final action on the permit.

Proposed law retains present law and adds officers or employees specifically authorized by the commissioner as individuals who may issue temporary permits.

(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, 285(A) and (B), 904, and 905(A) and (C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Added provisions authorizing the commissioner to issue two-year permits for the sale of tobacco products.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the reengrossed bill.

1. Changes additional persons authorized to issue temporary permits from officers appointed and commissioned by the commissioner and other employees of ATC according to standards and procedures established by the commissioner to officers or employees specifically so authorized by the commissioner.

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