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Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 234

BY REPRESENTATIVE TEMPLET

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 26:99.1, 296.1, and 919.1, relative to the regulation of alcohol and tobacco products; to authorize participation at hearings through the use of telecommunications equipment; to provide for rulemaking authority; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 26:99.1, 296.1, and 919.1 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§99.1. Participation in hearing by video conference

To the extent practicable, the commissioner may authorize the use of teleconference, video link, or other visual remote communications technology for the conducting of any hearing as authorized by this Chapter. Prior to utilizing such technology, the commissioner shall adopt rules pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act to provide for the methods and requirements of utilizing teleconference, video link, or other visual remote communications technology for conducting any hearings authorized by the provisions of this Chapter.

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§296.1. Participation in hearing by video conference

To the extent practicable, the commissioner may authorize the use of teleconference, video link, or other visual remote communications technology for the conducting of any hearing as authorized by this Chapter. Prior to utilizing such technology, the commissioner shall adopt rules pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act to provide for the methods and requirements of

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utilizing teleconference, video link, or other visual remote communications technology for conducting any hearings authorized by the provisions of this Chapter.

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§919.1. Participation in hearing by video conference

To the extent practicable, the commissioner may authorize the use of teleconference, video link, or other visual remote communications technology for the conducting of any hearing as authorized by this Chapter. Prior to utilizing such technology, the commissioner shall adopt rules pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act to provide for the methods and requirements of utilizing teleconference, video link, or other visual remote communications technology for conducting any hearings authorized by the provisions of this Chapter.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____

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