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

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

New law retains existing law and authorizes the commissioner to use telecommunications equipment for the conducting of hearings.

New 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.

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