Rosalind Jones (HB 196) **Act No. 259**

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

New law retains existing 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.

New 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.

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

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

Effective August 15, 2011.

(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))