

Prior law, relative to alcoholic beverages, required that all applicants for a liquor license submit their fingerprints upon application for a license.

Prior law, regarding high and low alcohol beverage permits, provided several qualification for applicants. Also required that the spouse of an applicant meet the same qualifications.

New law requires all applicants for a liquor license, members of a partnership recognized by Louisiana law, the officers and directors of a corporation, the stockholders of a corporation, and members of a limited liability company owning more than five percent of such a corporation or company and all other persons required to possess the same qualifications required of the applicant to submit their fingerprints when the application for the permit is submitted.

Prior law provides that the commissioner for the office of alcohol tobacco control may accept from a publicly traded corporation, other than any gaming entity, the necessary documentation of managers, agents, servants, employees, or other representatives and three officers of the corporation in full satisfaction of suitability requirements for an alcoholic beverage permit.

New law retains the provisions of prior law and adds other corporations and entities in addition to publicly traded corporations.

New law provides that in order to determine the suitability of the spouses of alcoholic beverage permit applicants, and all other persons required to possess the same qualifications required of the applicant, the office of alcohol and tobacco control shall require such persons to provide verification of suitability in accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner pursuant to the APA.

New law further provides that fingerprints shall not be required unless the commissioner requests fingerprints based upon credible information that a person may not meet the qualifications of an applicant

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 26:80(C)(3), (D), and (H) and 280(C)(2), (D), and (H))