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## DIGEST

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HB No. 1164

**Abstract:** Provides for specific qualifications for applicants to obtain alcoholic beverage permits for low alcoholic and high alcoholic content.

Present law requires applicants for state and local permits for low and high alcoholic content to meet the following qualifications and conditions:

- (1) Be a person of good character and reputation and over 18 years of age.
- (2) Be a citizen of the U.S. and the state of La. for a certain period of time.
- (3) Be the owner of the premises, have a bona fide written lease therefor, or be a commercial lessor or a noncommercial lessor licensed pursuant to present law, exclusively for the sole purpose of conducting charitable gaming.
- (4) Have not been convicted of a felony.
- (5) Have not been convicted of soliciting for prostitution, pandering, letting premises for prostitution, contributing to the delinquency of juveniles, keeping a disorderly place, or illegally dealing in controlled dangerous substances.
- (6) Have not had a license or permit to sell or deal in alcoholic beverages revoked within two years prior to the application or been convicted or had a judgment of court rendered against the applicant involving alcoholic beverages for two years prior to the application.
- (7) Have not been adjudged by the commissioner or convicted by a court of violating any of the provisions of present law.
- (8) Have not been convicted of violating any municipal or parish ordinances adopted pursuant to present law.
- (9) Not be the spouse of a person who does not meet the requirements of present law.
- (10) Not owe the state or the local governmental subdivisions in which the application is made any delinquent sales taxes, penalties, or interest.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a lifetime prohibition against the applicant having a

conviction of distribution or possession with intent to distribute any controlled dangerous substance classified as a Schedule I, as defined in present law, on any premises licensed where the applicant held or holds an interest in the licensed business.

(Amends R.S. 26:80(A) and (F)(2) and 280(A) and (F)(2))