

Prior law required the commissioner to issue certificates and to adopt rules and regulations that would provide identifying information on the face of the certificate or permit.

New law retains prior law except that it removes the requirement relative to a registration certificate.

Prior law provided for a retail dealer registration certificate to be issued to any dealer, other than a wholesale dealer or vending machine operator for each retail outlet where cigars, cigarettes, or the tobacco products are offered for sale either over the counter or by vending machine.

New law deletes prior law.

Prior law provided for fees relative to registration certification or permit for each year or any portion thereof as follows:

- (1) \$25 for a retail dealer registration certificate.
- (2) \$75 for a retail dealer permit.
- (3) \$5 for a vending machine.
- (4) \$75 for a wholesale dealer.
- (5) Required the commissioner of the ATC to promulgate rules to issue a single permit for bona fide La. tobacconists, which would allow the tobacconist to operate as a retail tobacco dealer and as a wholesale tobacco dealer and any fee assessed would be set at the current rate in effect on Aug. 15, 2010.

New law retains prior law except that it deletes the retail dealer registration certificate fee and changes the retail dealer permit fee from \$75 to \$25.

New law reduces the fee for a single tobacconist permit to \$100.

Prior law required that each registration certificate shall be valid for only one year and authorized the commissioner to issue registration certificates that were valid for two years if the applicant was in good standing with the ATC.

New law deletes prior law.

Prior law authorized the commissioner to establish, by administrative rule, a system by which the expiration dates of the registration certificates were staggered throughout the year and allowed the certificates to vary in length from six months to 24 months.

New law deletes prior law.

Prior law required any person holding registration certificates to annually file applications for renewal for the ensuing year and pay the fees in accordance with prior law and if the commissioner authorized permits that were valid for two years, the certificate holder would have been required to file for renewal and pay fees in accordance with the rules adopted by the commissioner pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

New law deletes prior law.

Prior law required a delinquency penalty of 25% if the registration certificate fees were not more than 30 days past the established date for payment and an additional 25% for each additional 30 days the payment of fees were not paid and a notice of violation would be issued by the commissioner.

New law deletes prior law.

Prior law provides for general requirements, violations, and civil penalties relative to registration certificates or permits.

New law retains prior law except all references to registration certificates are deleted from prior law.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 26:902-905, 906(B)-(E), 912, 913, 918(B), and 919(A), (E), and (F); Repeals R.S. 26:907 and 915)