AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:274(A)(2), relative to alcohol beverage control; to provide relative to permits for dealers in beverages of low alcohol content; to provide relative to local permits; to provide for exceptions for delivery; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 26:274(A)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§274. Local permits

A.(1) Parishes and municipalities may issue and require local permits similar to those issued by the commissioner and may charge and collect fees therefor. No parish or municipality shall require permits of any commercial airline which has been issued a Class B retailer permit.

(2) Parishes and municipalities may issue and require local permits similar to those issued by the commissioner for the delivery of alcoholic beverages by grocery stores, restaurants, and third parties. Parishes and municipalities shall not require local permits for the delivery of alcoholic beverages of any licensed Class B Package House or Class C Package Store which has been issued a delivery service permit by the commissioner. No alcoholic beverages shall be delivered more than ten miles from the place of purchase.

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Abstract: Prohibits parishes and municipalities from requiring local permits for the delivery of alcoholic beverages by Class B Package House and Class C Package Store permit holders.

Present law (R.S. 26:274) provides that parishes and municipalities may issue and require local permits and may charge and collect fees for such permits. Present law prohibits parishes or municipalities from requiring permits for any commercial airline that has been issued a Class B retailer permit.

Present law provides that parishes and municipalities may issue permits similar to those issued by the commissioner for the alcoholic beverage delivery by grocery stores, restaurants, and third parties.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that parishes and municipalities shall not require local permits for the delivery of alcoholic beverages of any licensed Class B Package House or Class C Package Store that has been issued a delivery service permit by the commissioner.

Present law (R.S. 26:271.4) provides for the issuing of Class B Package House permits allowing for the delivery of alcohol by grocery stores.

Present law (R.S. 26:271.3) provides for the issuance of Class C Package Store permits to establishments that meet certain requirements including selling alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption and not distributing motor fuel at the licensed establishment.

Proposed law prohibits the delivery of alcoholic beverages more than 10 miles from the place of purchase.

(Amends R.S. 26:274(A)(2))

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