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2020 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17

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BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS

FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS: Requests the commissioner of alcohol and tobacco control and the La. Dept. of Health to grant no-cost extensions of bar and restaurant permits

A RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health and the office of alcohol and
3	tobacco control in the Department of Revenue to grant each bar and restaurant owner
4	a permit extension, at no cost to the owner, for a period equal in duration to the total
5	time that the declared state of public health emergency for COVID-19 is in effect.
6	WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation
7	Number 25 JBE 2020 to declare a statewide public health emergency due to the imminent
8	threat posed to Louisiana by COVID-19; and
9	WHEREAS, R.S. 40:4(A)(1)(c)(i) provides that, in order to protect the public health,
10	the state health officer of the Louisiana Department of Health shall promulgate rules and
11	regulations relative to retail food establishments; and
12	WHEREAS, these rules and regulations comprise a segment of the state sanitary
13	code, LAC 51:XXIII.101 et seq., and provide that such food establishments include
14	restaurants, cafeterias, caterers, delicatessens, bars, lounges, and any other facilities that
15	prepare food for individual service or for a group of people; the rules and regulations also
16	require certain permits for such establishments; and
17	WHEREAS, R.S. 40:31.37 requires the Louisiana Department of Health to charge
18	a fee for each permit issued to a food establishment in accordance with the state sanitary
19	code; and

1 WHEREAS, R.S. 26:71 provides that, before engaging in the business of 2 manufacturing, supplying, or dealing in alcoholic beverages, all persons shall obtain from 3 the commissioner of alcohol and tobacco control a permit to conduct each separate business 4 and shall pay the commissioner a fee not to exceed the amounts provided by law; and 5 WHEREAS, R.S. 26:792 authorizes the commissioner of alcohol and tobacco control 6 to issue and renew permits required by law for persons engaging in the business of dealing in beverages of high and low alcoholic content, provided that no wholesale permit shall be 7 8 issued or renewed without the applicant's first furnishing evidence to the commissioner that 9 the bond required under R.S. 26:348 has been secured. 10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health 12 and the office of alcohol and tobacco control in the Department of Revenue to grant each bar and restaurant owner a permit extension, at no cost to the owner, for their establishment for 14 a period equal in duration to the total time that the declared state of public health emergency 15 for COVID-19 is in effect.

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## **DIGEST**

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