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## DIGEST

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HB 440 Engrossed

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Nelson

**Abstract:** Levies fees for certain licenses relative to cannabis.

Proposed law levies an annual fee of \$100 for a personal cultivation license.

Proposed law levies an annual fee of \$2,500 for a cannabis business license.

Proposed law provides that if the amount of fees collected pursuant to proposed law in a fiscal year exceeds the costs of enforcement and regulation, the excess fees shall be distributed proportionally to certain municipalities, sheriffs, parishes, and the state in the same proportion as the distributions of taxes collected for sales regulated by proposed law (Chapter 9 of Title 26 as provided by HB No. 699 of the 2021 R.S.).

Proposed law provides for civil penalties of not more than \$50,000 for each violation of proposed law (Chapter 9 of Title 26 as provided by HB No. 699 of the 2021 R.S.).

Proposed law provides that civil penalties may be assessed only by a ruling of the commissioner of alcohol and tobacco control upon an adjudicatory hearing.

Proposed law is contingent upon the passage of HB No. 699 of the 2021 R.S.

(Adds R.S. 47:1699.1 and 1699.2)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the original bill:

1. Remove provisions establishing an annual fee for a retailer permit.
2. Add civil penalties of not more than \$50,000 for violations of proposed law.
3. Specify that proposed law is contingent on the passage of HB No. 699 of the 2021 R.S.
4. Add technical amendments.