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## DIGEST

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HB 623 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides for a three-tier system of permitting for the producers, manufacturers, and wholesalers of vapor products.

Present law (R.S. 26:902) provides for the issuance of retail dealer and wholesale dealer permits for the sale of vapor products in the state of La.

Proposed law retains present law and provides for a three-tier system for the issuance of permits for the sale of vapor products in the state of La.

Proposed law provides that a manufacturer of vapor products cannot:

- (1) Hold a retail dealer permit.
- (2) Hold a wholesale dealer permit.
- (3) Possess any direct or indirect financial interest in a permitted wholesaler or retailer in the state of La.

Proposed law provides that a wholesaler of vapor products cannot:

- (1) Hold a retail dealer permit.
- (2) Be a manufacturer of vapor products.

Proposed law provides that a retailer of vapor products cannot:

- (1) Hold a wholesaler permit.
- (2) Be a manufacturer of vapor products.
- (3) Purchase vapor products from any person other than a wholesaler with a valid permit issued in the state of La.

Proposed law provides that all vapor products must be sold by a manufacturer to a wholesaler with a valid permit. Further prohibits the direct shipment of products from a manufacturer to a retailer on the direct shipment to a consumer by a manufacturer or in-state or out-of state seller.

Proposed law excludes lawful marijuana or marijuana products authorized by the La. Dept. of Health from the requirements of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 26:914.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Remove tobacco products from the proposed three-tier permitting system for producers, manufacturers, and wholesalers of such products.
2. Exclude lawful marijuana or marijuana products authorized by the La. Dept. of Health from the three-tier permitting system.

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the engrossed bill:

1. Prohibit direct shipment to a consumer from a manufacturer or in-state or out-of-state seller.