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## DIGEST

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HB 623 Re-Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides for a three-tier system for La.- permitted 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 La.-permitted manufacturer of vapor products cannot:

- (1) Hold a retail dealer permit to sell vapor products to La. consumers.
- (2) Hold a wholesale dealer permit to sell vapor products to La. consumers.
- (3) Possess any direct or indirect financial interest in a permitted wholesaler or retailer in the state of La.
- (4) Sell vapor products to a La.-permitted retail dealer for resale to La. consumers.
- (5) Directly sell vapor products.

Proposed law provides that a La.-permitted wholesaler of vapor products cannot hold a retail dealer permit to sell vapor products to La. consumers.

Proposed law provides that a La.-permitted retailer of vapor products cannot:

- (1) Hold a wholesaler permit to sell vapor products to other La.-permitted retail dealers.
- (2) Purchase vapor products from any person other than a wholesaler with a valid permit issued in the state of La.

Proposed law prohibits the direct shipment of vapor products to a consumer by a La.- permitted manufacturer or in-state or out-of state seller.

Proposed law allows a La.-permitted wholesaler to sell or distribute vapor products to a La.-

permitted retailer that is an affiliated entity of the wholesaler. Further defines "affiliated entity".

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.

#### The House Floor Amendments to the reengrossed bill:

1. Clarify that the three-tier system for the issuance of permits for vapor products applies to La.-permitted manufacturers, retailers, and wholesalers.
2. Prohibit the sale of vapor products by La.-permitted manufacturers and La.-permitted wholesalers directly to La. consumers.
3. Prohibit a La.-permitted retailer from having a wholesaler permit.
4. Allow a La.-permitted wholesaler to sell or distribute vapor products to a La.-permitted retailer that is an affiliated entity of the wholesaler.
5. Define "affiliated entity".