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DIGEST

Morrell (SB 102)

Present law requires the operator of any restaurant and cafeteria where food or drink is legally sold in which light wine is legally sold for consumption on the premises in connection with such food, to obtain annually from the commissioner, before commencing such business, a permit to conduct such retail business, and pay \$30 for each such permit.

Proposed law removes cafeterias from present law.

Proposed law requires the operator of any restaurant holding "R" permits or package houses holding "B" permits and where food or drink is legally sold, in which wine or malt beverages are either sold for consumption on the premises in connection with the consumption of food or sold in factory-sealed containers for transportation and consumption off the premises, to obtain annually from the commissioner, before commencing such business, a permit to conduct such retail business, and pay \$30 for each permit.

Proposed law removes the definition of "light" wine and defines "wine" as any effervescent or non-effervescent alcoholic beverage derived from the juice of any fruit or synthesis thereof, of an alcoholic content of more than six percent by volume. Provides that wine is exclusive of all "liquors" whether they be defined as intoxicating or spirituous liquors that are produced by distillation.

Proposed law defines "malt beverages" as beverages obtained by alcoholic fermentation of an infusion or by a brewing process or concoction of barley or other grain, malt, sugars, and hops in water, including among other things, ale, beer, stout, porter and the like and containing more than six percent alcohol by volume. Provides that malt beverages are exclusive of all "liquors" whether they be defined as intoxicating or spirituous liquors that are produced by distillation.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 26:72 (A), (C), (D); Adds R.S. 26:72(E))