

registration is required to be renewed annually and updated within 30 days of any change to the information contained on the form.

Present law provided that prior to 2012, a wine producer, manufacturer or out-of-state retailer selling directly to consumers in Louisiana had to file monthly statements with the secretary of Revenue regarding shipments.

Proposed law deletes present law.

Present law provides that beginning in 2012, wine producers, manufacturers and out-of-state retailers are required to file quarterly statements regarding shipments.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law authorizes the secretary of Revenue to release to the commissioner of the office of alcohol and tobacco copies of annual applications and quarterly statements of wine producers, manufacturers and out-of-state retailers authorized to sell directly to consumers.

Proposed law requires any person who transports sparkling wine or still wine for direct shipment into or out of Louisiana to register with the commissioner. Requires the commissioner to promulgate rules for transport registrants that include regular reporting requirements related to brands, size of containers, and the types and quantities of sparkling wine and still wine contained in each shipment. Requires the rules to also include requirements that prevent sales and deliveries to underage persons.

Proposed law provides that any person who transports sparkling wine or still wine for direct shipment into or out of Louisiana in violation of proposed law or rules shall be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 and seizure of any moveables used to transport the sparkling wine or still wine into or out of Louisiana.

Proposed law establishes the Shipment Registration Fund as a special treasury fund. Provides that any money appropriated or transferred to the fund shall be deposited into the fund. Provides monies in the fund shall be invested in the same manner as monies in the state general fund and interest earned on the investment of monies in the fund shall be deposited in and credited to the state general fund. Unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund.

Effective January 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 26:359(D), (E), (F), and (G); adds R.S. 26:359(B)(3) and 359.1)