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## DIGEST

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HB 331 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Transfers the registration and labeling review authority for alcoholic beverages from Dept. of Health and Hospitals to the office of alcohol and tobacco control.

Present law requires all manufacturers, packers, or proprietors of processed foods, proprietary or patent medicines, prophylactic devices, and cosmetics, in package form, to register each separate and distinct product annually with the Dept. of Health and Hospitals.

Proposed law retains present law but adds an exemption for alcoholic beverages as defined in present law.

Proposed law requires the commissioner of the office of alcohol and tobacco control to provide by rule for the registration, including submission and review of the container label, of all alcoholic beverages prior to being sold in this state.

Proposed law authorizes the commissioner to require the use of an electronic submission system by any person submitting an alcoholic beverage for registration and review.

Proposed law provides that the submission of a Certificate of Label Approval prepared in compliance with the requirements of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau shall constitute satisfactory compliance for the registration of products and labels, and the registration is effective upon submission of a completed application.

Proposed law requires all administrative rules previously adopted by the Dept. of Health and Hospitals relative to the registration of or review of labels for alcoholic beverages to remain in full force and effect until such time as the commissioner of the office of alcohol and tobacco control promulgates rules pursuant to proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 40:627(A); Adds R.S. 26:793(D) and R.S. 40:627(E))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Change the requirement from the submission of a catalog and specimens of labels in compliance with the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to the Submission of a Certificate of Labels Approval prepared in compliance with the Alcohol and Tobacco

Tax and Trade Bureau.