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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Creates a definition for "ready-to-drink beverages" and provides for delivery of ready-to-drink beverages from restaurants.

Proposed law adds a definition for "ready-to-drink beverages".

Proposed law defines "ready-to-drink beverages" as an alcoholic beverage containing low or high alcohol content as defined in R.S. 26:2 and 241, that is pre-packaged, pre-measured, and pre-mixed to be sold in a manufacturer sealed container ready for immediate consumption.

Present law provides for the four type of Class-A retail permits available for beverages of low alcohol content:

- (1) Class A-General.
- (2) Class A-Restaurant.
- (3) Class A-Special.
- (4) Class A-Restaurant-Conditional.

Proposed law retains present law and adds ready-to-drink beverages to the list of beverages that can be delivered from a restaurant with a proper Class A-Restaurant permit.

Present law provides for delivery agreements between retail dealers and third-party delivery companies, pursuant to retailers possessing a valid Class A-General, Class "R" restaurant, or Class B permit.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that retail dealers possessing Class A-Restaurant permits may enter into delivery agreements with a third-party delivery company.

Present law enables a restaurant possessing a proper Class-B permit with the ability to deliver malt beverages, sparkling wine, and still wine.

Proposed law retains present law and adds ready-to-drink beverages to the list of beverages that can be delivered from a restaurant possessing a proper Class-B permit.

Proposed law authorizes the La. State Law Institute to arrange in alphabetical order and renumber the definitions provided in R.S. 26:2 and 241.

(Amends R.S. 26:271.2(2)(b) and 308(B) and (C)(2)(b); Adds R.S. 26:2(32) and 241(27))