
DIGEST

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HB 296 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Changes a requirement that a Class C-Package Store must meet to maintain a Class C permit, and authorizes a grocery store with a Package house-Class B permit to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption.

Present law provides for criteria that establishments selling beverages of high- and low-content alcohol shall meet to fulfill the requirements for a Class C permit.

Present law provides that a "Class C-Package Store" is an establishment that does not allow the consumption of any alcoholic beverage for any purpose or reason on or about the licensed establishment unless and except as otherwise provided. Proposed law repeals this requirement.

Proposed law provides that a "Class C-Package Store" is an establishment that operates a package store whereby the primary sales of alcoholic beverages at the location are sales of factory-sealed containers for off-premise consumption. Provides that the retailer may sell alcoholic beverages for on-premise consumption not to exceed 20% of the business's annual revenue of alcoholic beverage sales. Provides that such sales shall be subject to audits.

Proposed law authorizes a grocery store with a Package house-Class B permit to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premise consumption as long as such sales do not exceed 20% of the business's annual revenue of alcoholic beverage sales and are subject to audits.

(Amends R.S. 26:71.2(A)(7), 271.3(A)(7), and 271.4)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical amendments.
2. Authorize a grocery store with a Package house-Class B permit to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premise consumption.