
DIGEST

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HB 623 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides for a three-tier system of permitting for the producers, manufacturers, and wholesalers of vapor products.

Present law (R.S. 26:902) provides for the issuance of retail dealer and wholesale dealer permits for the sale of vapor products in the state of La.

Proposed law retains present law and provides for a three-tier system for the issuance of permits for the sale of vapor products in the state of La.

Proposed law provides that a manufacturer of vapor products cannot:

- (1) Hold a retail dealer permit.
- (2) Hold a wholesale dealer permit.
- (3) Possess any direct or indirect financial interest in a permitted wholesaler or retailer in the state of La.

Proposed law provides that a wholesaler of vapor products cannot:

- (1) Hold a retail dealer permit.
- (2) Be a manufacturer of vapor products.

Proposed law provides that a retailer of vapor products cannot:

- (1) Hold a wholesaler permit.
- (2) Be a manufacturer of vapor products.
- (3) Purchase vapor products from any person other than a wholesaler with a valid permit issued in the state of La.

Proposed law provides that all vapor products must be sold by a manufacturer to a wholesaler with a valid permit. Further prohibits the direct shipment of products from a manufacturer to a retailer. Permits the direct shipment to a consumer provided that the seller has a valid wholesale permit and complies with tax and reporting requirements.

Proposed law excludes lawful marijuana or marijuana products authorized by the La. Dept. of Health from the requirements of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 26:914.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Remove tobacco products from the proposed three-tier permitting system for producers, manufacturers, and wholesalers of such products.
2. Exclude lawful marijuana or marijuana products authorized by the La. Dept. of Health from the three-tier permitting system.