

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 654

BY SENATOR MORRELL

FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS. Requires the issuance of certain alcoholic beverage permits to commercial film theaters. (7/1/14)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 26:71.1(1)(e) and 271.2(1)(e), relative to liquor permits; to  
3 provide relative to the issuance of certain alcoholic beverage permits to bona fide  
4 commercial film theaters under certain conditions; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 26:71.1(1)(e) and 271.2(1)(e) are hereby amended and reenacted to  
7 read as follows:

8 §71.1. Class A permit; definitions

9 The commissioner shall issue the following four types of Class A retail liquor  
10 permits:

11 (1) Class A-General:

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13 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraphs (a) through (d) of this  
14 Paragraph, the commissioner ~~may~~ **shall not** issue a Class A - General liquor permit  
15 to any bona fide commercial film theater ~~which had a Class A liquor permit on~~  
16 ~~January 1, 1994~~ **unless the bona fide commercial film theater complies with the**  
17 **requirements in R.S. 26:73(C)(1)(a), (b), and (c) and alcoholic beverage sales are**



- (2) No one under the age of 18 is allowed to enter the area where such alcoholic beverage sales are conducted.
- (3) Requirements in present law are met.

Present law authorizes the commissioner of alcohol and tobacco control to issue a Class A- General retail permit for beverages of low alcoholic content to any bona fide commercial film theater which had a retailer's, Class A permit for beverages of low alcoholic content on January 1, 1994.

Proposed law prohibits the commissioner of alcohol and tobacco control from issuing a Class A - General retail permit for beverages of low alcoholic content to any bona fide commercial film theater unless:

- (1) Alcoholic beverage sales are physically segregated from all other concession sales.
- (2) No one under the age of 18 is allowed to enter the area where such alcoholic beverage sales are conducted.
- (3) Requirements in present law are met.

Effective on July 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 26:71.1(1)(e) and 271.2(1)(e))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

1. Changes from requiring the commissioner to issue the permit in certain instances to prohibiting the commission from issuing the permit unless certain conditions are met.
2. Adds requirement that no one under the age of 18 be allowed to enter the area where the alcoholic beverages sales are conducted.