

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 331

2015 Regular Session

Berthelot

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: Transfers the labeling review authority for alcoholic beverages

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Extends the age limit to a person under the age of 21 who may be enlisted to test compliance with the "Prevention of Youth Access to Tobacco Law."

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law authorizes employees of the office of alcohol and tobacco control to enlist persons under the age of eighteen to test for compliance with the "Prevention of Youth Access to Tobacco Law".

Proposed law retains present law, but extends the age limit for those enlisted to test compliance to a person under the age of 21.

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) and R.S. 26:793(C)(1); Adds R.S. 26:793(D) and R.S. 40:627(E))