

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 970 (Substitute for House Bill No. 876 by Representative Beullieu)

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU

TOBACCO/TOBACCO PRODUCTS: Provides relative to the vapor product and alternative nicotine product directory

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 26:901(36) and 926.2, relative to tobacco products; to provide for definitions;
3 to provide relative to nicotine pouch products; to provide relative to the vapor
4 product and alternative nicotine product directory; to exempt nicotine pouch products
5 from the vapor product and alternative nicotine product directory; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 26:901(36) and 926.2 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §901. Definitions

10 As used in this Chapter, the following terms have the meaning ascribed to
11 them in this Section, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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13 (36) "Nicotine pouch products" means pouches which contain nicotine
14 powder or nicotine salts that are chemically synthesized or extracted from tobacco
15 leaf. Nicotine pouch products do not contain cut, ground, powdered, or leaf tobacco
16 and are not intended to be heated or burned. Nicotine pouch products are hereby
17 deemed to be alternative nicotine products as defined in this Section.

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1 §926.2. Exemptions; nicotine pouch products
2 Nicotine pouch products are alternative nicotine products that are not subject
3 to the provisions of R.S. 26:926. Nicotine pouch products shall be subject to
4 regulation by the office of alcohol and tobacco and subject to R.S. 14:91.8.

5 Section 2. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and directed to
6 alphabetize and renumber the definitions contained in R.S. 26:901 and to correct any
7 cross-references to the renumbered paragraphs if necessary, consistent with the provisions
8 of this Act.

DIGEST

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HB 970 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to the vapor product and alternative nicotine product directory.

Present law provides for definitions.

Proposed law defines "nicotine pouch products".

Present law establishes the vapor product and alternative nicotine product directory.

Present law requires the commissioner to develop and maintain a directory listing all vapor product manufacturers and alternative nicotine product manufacturers that have provided certifications that comply with present law and all products listed in those certifications.

Proposed law exempts nicotine pouch products from the vapor product and alternative nicotine product directory.

(Adds R.S. 26:901(36) and 926.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Specify that "nicotine pouch products" are alternative nicotine products.