

SENATE BILL NO. 18

BY SENATOR CATHEY

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 26:71(A)(8) and 271(A)(7), relative to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law;  
3 to provide for certain permit fee payments; to provide for certain malt beverages or  
4 beverages of low alcoholic content permit fee payments; to provide for permit fee  
5 credits and refunds under certain exceptions related to COVID-19; and to provide for  
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 26:71(A)(8) and 271(A)(7) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §71. Permits required; fees; exception

10 A. Except as provided in Subsections B and C of this Section, before  
11 engaging in the business of manufacturing, supplying, or dealing in alcoholic  
12 beverages, all persons shall obtain from the commissioner, according to established  
13 rules and regulations, a permit to conduct each separate business and shall pay the  
14 commissioner a fee not to exceed the amounts provided for in the following schedule  
15 and in accordance with regulations promulgated pursuant to the provisions of the  
16 Administrative Procedure Act for each year the permit is valid:

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18 **(8) COVID-19 exceptions:**

19 **(a) A permit holder that timely paid its permit fee due to the**  
20 **commissioner during the 2020 calendar year pursuant to Subparagraph (1)(a),**  
21 **Item (3)(a)(i), and Subparagraph (3)(d) of this Subsection, shall have its permit**  
22 **fees due during the 2021 calendar year reduced on a pro rata basis for the**  
23 **number of days in calendar year 2020 that the permit holder was required to**  
24 **temporarily close operations pursuant to Proclamation Number 30 JBE 2020,**  
25 **or any subsequent proclamation declaring the existence of a statewide**  
26 **COVID-19 public health emergency.**



