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SUMMARY

Liquor permit renewals

- Requires the Division of Liquor Control, if there are no objections filed by a local government, to renew a liquor permit within 48 hours after a liquor permit holder files a renewal application.

Cigarette license renewals

- Requires the county auditor to renew a cigarette retail license within 48 hours after a licensee files a renewal application if the renewal application meets all statutory requirements.
- Requires the Tax Commissioner to renew a cigarette wholesale license within 48 hours after a licensee files a renewal application if the renewal application meets all statutory requirements.
- Requires the Tax Commissioner to renew a cigarette manufacture or import license within 48 hours after a licensee files a renewal application if the renewal application meets all statutory requirements.

Tobacco and vapor license renewals

- Requires the Tax Commissioner to renew a tobacco and vapor license within 48 hours after a licensee files a renewal application if the renewal application meets all statutory requirements.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Liquor permit renewals

The bill requires the Division of Liquor Control to renew a liquor permit holder's permit within 48 hours after a permit holder files a renewal application, provided the local government¹ with jurisdiction over where the permit premises is located does not file an objection to the renewal with the Division and provided that all other statutory conditions are met (e.g., the permit holder is not delinquent in filing any tax returns). Current law requires the Division, if statutory conditions are met, including that there are no objections filed by a local government, to renew a liquor permit, but it does not impose a time frame by which the approval must occur.²

Cigarette license renewals

The bill requires the county auditor to renew a cigarette retail license within 48 hours after a licensee files a renewal application if the licensee meets current law's specified requirements, such as properly applying and paying the application fee. Current law requires the county auditor to renew a cigarette retail license if the licensee meets the statutory requirements, but does not impose a time frame by which the county auditor must approve the renewal.³

The bill also requires the Tax Commissioner to renew a cigarette wholesale license, or a cigarette manufacture or import license, within 48 hours after a licensee files a renewal application if the licensee meets current law's specified requirements, such as properly applying and paying the application fee. Under current law, the Tax Commissioner must renew a cigarette wholesale license, or a cigarette manufacture or import license, if the licensee meets the statutory requirements, but does not impose a time frame by which the county auditor must approve the renewal.⁴

Tobacco and vapor license renewals

The bill requires the Tax Commissioner to renew a tobacco and vapor license within 48 hours after a licensee files a renewal application if the licensee meets current law's specified requirements, such as not being delinquent on tax filings. Under current law, the Tax Commissioner must renew a tobacco and vapor license if the licensee meets all statutory requirements, but does not impose a time frame by which the county auditor must approve the renewal.⁵

¹ A local government is the legislative authority of the municipal corporation, the board of township trustees, or the board of county commissioners.

² R.C. 4303.271.

³ R.C. 5743.15(B).

⁴ R.C. 5743.15(C) and (F).

⁵ R.C. 5743.61.

HISTORY

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