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HB No. 1535

Abstract: Requires DHH, office for addictive disorders to provide a 24-hour toll-free hotline related to alcohol abuse. Requires the posting of signs in certain retail establishments. Creates an Alcohol Abuse Toll-Free Hotline Fund.

Proposed law requires the office of alcohol and tobacco control to require the posting of one or more signs on premises holding a Class A-General retail liquor permit for high or low alcoholic content or microbrewery permit at each point of entry to inform patrons of a toll-free telephone number available to provide information and referral services regarding alcohol abuse and problem drinking.

Proposed law provides for a penalty not to exceed \$250 a day for failure by the owner of the licensed premises to post and maintain such a sign or signs.

Proposed law requires the monies collected by the office to be forwarded to the state treasurer for immediate deposit into the state treasury and requires the state treasurer to credit that amount to the Alcohol Abuse Toll-Free Hotline Fund each year.

Proposed law requires the office for addictive disorders of the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to referral services related to alcohol abuse and/or problem drinking and shall include a 24-hour, toll-free telephone service operated by persons with knowledge of programs and services available to assist persons suffering from alcohol abuse or problem drinking behavior.

Proposed law requires the office to make information regarding the program and services available to the public and to provide, by rule, for the design of an informational sign containing the toll-free telephone number for use in various establishments licensed with a Class A-General alcohol retail permit to serve or sell alcohol of high or low alcoholic content or microbrewery.

Proposed law requires the office to provide such signs to the office of alcohol and tobacco control, which shall require their posting at certain licensed premises.

Proposed law creates a special fund in the state treasury to be known as the Alcohol Abuse Toll-Free Hotline Fund and requires all monies received by the state treasury to be deposited into the Alcohol Abuse Toll-Free Hotline Fund which monies are required to be appropriated by the legislature.

(Adds R.S. 26:751 and R.S. 28:871 and 872)