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ATC Begins Work to Permit Retailers of Legal CBD Products

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Baton Rouge, LA – The Louisiana Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control (ATC) will soon make applications available to retailers who wish to sell Cannabidiol (CBD) products recently legalized for sale in the state of Louisiana. Prior to selling CBD products, all retailers will be required to obtain a permit through ATC and meet all requirements implemented by the agency.

On June 6, 2019, Governor John Bel Edwards signed into law House Bill 491, authored by Representative Clay Schexnayder. This bill will legalize the growth of industrial hemp, pursuant to the requirements of the Federal Farm Bill of 2018. The bill also authorizes the sale of hemp-derived CBD products with a THC concentration of less than 0.3 percent.

The new law prohibits the manufacturing or sale of hemp or CBD for inhalation and for use in alcoholic beverages. Food products and beverages containing CBD or hemp are also banned under the new law until the United States Food and Drug Administration approves the product as a food additive.

CBD products manufactured, distributed, imported or sold for use in the state of Louisiana are required to be produced from hemp grown in accordance with a state plan or a pilot program approved by the United States Secretary of Agriculture and must be labeled in accordance with the State Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Law. Products labels will need to be approved by the Louisiana Department of Health and must meet all registration requirements.

ATC, along with the Louisiana Department of Health, is working to promulgate formal rules which will provide detailed regulations. Meanwhile, ATC will make applications available to retailers to begin the process of evaluating potential CBD vendors on June 17, 2019.

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