

2020 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 455

BY SENATOR HENRY

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. Provides relative to the limitation on size of containers of beverages of high alcoholic content. (8/1/20)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 26:351, (1)(a), and (3)(a), and to  
3 repeal R.S. 26:351(7), relative to the limitation on size of containers of beverages of  
4 high alcohol content; to authorize wholesalers and manufacturers to possess and pack  
5 distilled spirits in certain containers; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 26:351, (1)(a), and (3)(a) are hereby  
8 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §351. Limitation on size of containers of beverages of high alcoholic content;  
10 standards of fill

11 Except for wines, no manufacturer or wholesaler in this state shall have in his  
12 possession any beverages of high alcoholic content outside of his bonded stockroom  
13 unless they are in containers of no greater capacity than ~~1.75~~ **one and seventy-five**  
14 **one hundredths** liters. The standards of fill shall be the following:

15 (1)(a) All distilled spirits sold in or shipped into this state shall be in the  
16 following containers: One and seventy-five hundredths liters, one liter, seven  
17 hundred fifty milliliters, five hundred milliliters, three hundred seventy-five

1 milliliters, ~~and~~ two hundred milliliters, **and fifty milliliters.**

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3 (3)(a) Distilled spirits, whether domestically bottled or imported, subject to  
 4 the metric standard of fill prescribed in Paragraph (1) above shall be packed with the  
 5 following number of containers per shipping case or container:

6	Container sizes	Containers per case
7	1.75 liters	6
8	1.00 liters	12
9	750 milliliters	12
10	375 milliliters	24
11	355 milliliters	24
12	200 milliliters	48
13	100 milliliters	48
14	<b><u>50 milliliters</u></b>	<b><u>60</u></b>
15	<b><u>50 milliliters</u></b>	<b><u>120</u></b>

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17 Section 2. R.S. 26:351(7) is hereby repealed.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

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Present law prohibits any manufacturer or wholesaler in this state to have in his possession any beverages of high alcoholic content outside of his bonded stockroom unless they are in containers of no greater capacity than 1.75 liters. The standards of fill shall be the following:

- (1) 1.75 liters
- (2) One liter
- (3) 750 milliliters
- (4) 500 milliliters
- (5) 375 milliliters
- (6) 200 milliliters

Proposed law retains present law and adds 50 milliliter containers to the list of legal

standards of fill.

Present law provides for an exemption to the current 50 milliliter prohibition in hotels or motels located in Bossier, Caddo, Calcasieu, East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, Lafayette, Orleans, Ouachita, and Rapides parishes.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective August 1, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 26:351(1)(a) and (3)(a); repeals R.S. 26:351(7))