

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 189

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAINES

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: Provides relative to alcoholic beverages

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 26:351(1)(a) and (3)(a), relative to alcoholic beverages; to
3 provide relative to the sale and shipment of certain alcoholic beverages; to provide
4 for container size limitations of beverages of high alcoholic content; and to provide
5 for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 26:351(1)(a) and (3)(a) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
8 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 one and seventy-five one
14 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 eighty hundreths liters, ~~One~~ one and seventy-five
17 hundredths liters, one liter, seven hundred fifty milliliters, seven hundred milliliters,
18 five hundred milliliters, three hundred seventy-five milliliters, two hundred
19 milliliters, and fifty milliliters.

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

4	Container sizes	Containers per case
5	<u>1.80 liters</u>	<u>6</u>
6	1.75 liters	6
7	1.00 liters	12
8	750 milliliters	12
9	<u>700 milliliters</u>	<u>12</u>
10	375 milliliters	24
11	355 milliliters	24
12	200 milliliters	48
13	100 milliliters	48
14	50 milliliters	60
15	50 milliliters	120
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17 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
18 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
19 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
20 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
21 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the sale of distilled spirits in 1.80 L and 700 ml containers.

Present law provides restrictions of container sizes for distilled spirits sold in or shipped into the state of La.

Proposed law retains present law and authorizes the sale or shipment of distilled spirits in 1.80 L containers and 700 ml containers. Provides further that a case of 1.80 L containers

shall consist of 6 containers and that a case of 700 ml containers shall consist of 12 containers.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Authorize the sale or shipment of distilled spirits in 1.80 L containers and provide that 1.80 L containers shall be packed with 6 containers per case.
2. Provide an effective date.