

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 212

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON

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

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: Provides relative to container sizes for beverages of high alcohol content

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 26:351(3)(a) and (4)(a) and to enact R.S. 26:351(3)(c), relative  
3 to container sizes for beverages of high alcohol content; to provide for a maximum  
4 number of containers allowed; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 26:351(3)(a) and (4)(a) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
7 26:351(3)(c) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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

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

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

18	Container sizes	Containers per case
19	1.75 liters	6
20	1.00 liters	not more than 12

1	750 milliliters	not more than 12
2	700 milliliters	<u>not more than</u> 12
3	375 milliliters	<u>not more than</u> 24
4	355 milliliters	24
5	200 milliliters	<u>not more than</u> 48
6	100 milliliters	<u>not more than</u> 48
7	50 milliliters	60
8	50 milliliters	120

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10 (c) The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to package spirit-based  
11 beverages with an alcohol content below six percent.

12 (4)(a) Wines bottled subject to the standards of fill prescribed in Paragraph  
13 (2) of this Section shall be packed with the following number of containers per  
14 shipping case or shipping container:

15	Container sizes	Containers per case
16	5 through 20 liters	1
17	4 liters	4
18	3 liters	<del>4</del> <u>not more than 6</u>
19	1.5 liters	<u>not more than 6</u>
20	1 liter	<u>not more than 12</u>
21	750 milliliters	<u>not more than 12</u>
22	500 milliliters	12
23	375 milliliters	24
24	355 milliliters	24
25	250 milliliters	24
26	<u>200 milliliters</u>	<u>not more than 48</u>
27	187 milliliters	48

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DIGEST

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HB 212 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Clarifies the number of containers per shipping case that may be shipped by container size for distilled spirits and wines.

Present law provides that distilled spirits shall be packed with 12 containers per shipping case for container sizes of 700 milliliters.

Proposed law retains present law and clarifies that container sizes of 700 milliliters shall be packed with not more than 12 containers per shipping case.

Present law provides that distilled spirits shall be packed with 24 containers per shipping case for container sizes of 375 milliliters.

Proposed law retains present law and clarifies that container sizes of 375 milliliters shall be packed with not more than 24 containers per shipping case.

Present law provides that distilled spirits shall be packed with 48 containers per shipping case for container sizes of 200 milliliters.

Proposed law retains present law and clarifies that container sizes of 200 milliliters shall be packed with not more than 48 containers per shipping case.

Present law provides that distilled spirits shall be packed with 48 containers per shipping case for container sizes of 100 milliliters.

Proposed law retains present law and clarifies that container sizes of 100 milliliters shall be packed with not more than 48 containers per shipping case.

Proposed law provides that the container size per shipping container shall not apply to package distilled spirit-based beverages with an alcohol content below six percent.

Present law provides that wines shall be packed with four containers per shipping case for container sizes of three liters.

Proposed law changes present law and provides that wines shall be packed with not more than six containers per shipping case.

Present law provides that wines shall be packed with six containers per shipping case for container sizes of 1.5 liters.

Proposed law retains present law and clarifies that container sizes of 1.5 liters shall be packed with not more than six containers per shipping case.

Present law provides that wines shall be packed with 12 containers per shipping case for container sizes of one liter.

Proposed law retains present law and clarifies that container sizes of one liter shall be packed with not more than 12 containers per shipping case.

Present law provides that wines shall be packed with 12 containers per shipping case for container sizes of 750 milliliters.

Proposed law retains present law and clarifies that container sizes of 750 milliliters shall be packed with not more than 12 containers per shipping case.

Proposed law provides that wine container sizes of 200 milliliters shall be packed with not more than 48 wine containers per shipping case.

(Amends R.S. 26:351(3)(a) and (4)(a); Adds R.S. 26:351(3)(c))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Provide that the container size per shipping container shall not apply to package distilled spirit-based beverages with an alcohol content below six percent.
2. Provide that wine container sizes of 200 milliliters shall be packed with not more than 48 wine containers per shipping case.