

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 204

BY SENATOR MORRELL

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. Provides relative to limitation on size of containers of beverages of high alcoholic content. (8/1/14)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 26:351(2)(a) and (4) and to enact R.S. 26:351(9), relative to the
3 size of containers for beverages of high alcoholic content; to require certain
4 container sizes for certain alcoholic beverages sold or shipped in the state; to provide
5 relative to the number of containers in each shipping case or container; to exempt
6 certain products; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 26:351(2)(a) and (4) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
9 26:351(9) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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

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

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17 (2)(a) All wine, sold in or shipped into this state shall be in the following

1 containers: **twenty liters, nineteen and five-tenths liters**, eighteen liters, seventeen
 2 liters, sixteen liters, fifteen liters, fourteen liters, thirteen liters, twelve liters, eleven
 3 liters, ten liters, nine liters, eight liters, seven liters, six liters, five liters, four liters,
 4 three liters, one and five-tenths liters, one liter, seven hundred fifty milliliters, **five**
 5 **hundred milliliters**, three hundred seventy-five milliliters, three hundred fifty-five
 6 milliliters, one hundred eighty-seven milliliters.

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8 (4) Wines bottled subject to the standards of fill prescribed in Paragraph (2)
 9 above shall be packed with the following number of ~~bottles~~ **containers** per shipping
 10 case or shipping container:

11 Bottle <u>Container</u> sizes	12 Bottles <u>Containers</u> per case
13 5 through 18 liters <u>20 liters</u>	1
14 4 liters	4
15 3 liters	4
16 1.5 liters	6
17 1 liter	12
18 750 milliliters	12
19 <u>500 milliliters</u>	<u>12</u>
20 375 milliliters	24
21 355 milliliters	24
22 187 milliliters	48

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24 **(9) The container restrictions provided for in this Section shall not apply to cider products.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cathy Wells.

DIGEST

Morrell (SB 204)

Present law provides that all wine sold or shipped into this state shall be in certain sized containers.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the following container sizes: nineteen and five-tenths liters, twenty liters, and five hundred milliliters.

Present law requires that wines bottled subject to the standards provided for in present law be packed with a certain number of bottles per shipping case or shipping container and further provides for the bottle size and the corresponding bottles per case.

Proposed law retains present law except that it changes all references from "bottles" to "containers" and further changes a container size from 5 through 18 liters to 5 through 20 liters and adds a container size of 500 milliliters with 12 containers per case.

Proposed law exempts cider products from container size restrictions.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 26:351(2)(a) and (4); adds R.S. 26:351(9))