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SENATE BILL NO. 455

BY SENATOR HENRY

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

AN ACT

1 2 To amend and reenact R.S. 26:351(1)(a) and (3)(a), and to repeal R.S. 26:351(7), relative to the limitation on size of containers of beverages of high alcohol content; to authorize 3 wholesalers and manufacturers to possess and pack distilled spirits in certain 4 5 containers; and to provide 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 as 8 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 possession any beverages of high alcoholic content outside of his bonded stockroom 12 13 unless they are in containers of no greater capacity than 1.75 liters. The standards of 14 fill shall be the following: (1)(a) All distilled spirits sold in or shipped into this state shall be in the 15 following containers: One and seventy-five hundredths liters, one liter, seven 16 hundred fifty milliliters, five hundred milliliters, three hundred seventy-five 17

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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	following number of containers per shipping case or container:	
6	Container sizes C	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	50 milliliters	<u>60</u>	
15	50 milliliters	<u>120</u>	
16	*	* *	
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 R.S. 26:351(7) is hereby repealed.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.

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<u>Present law</u> 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

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- (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

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standards of fill.

<u>Present law</u> 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))