

SENATE BILL NO. 204

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:351(2)(a), (3), and (4) and to enact R.S. 26:351(9) and (10), relative to containers for beverages of high alcoholic content; to require certain container sizes for certain alcoholic beverages sold or shipped in the state; to provide relative to the number of containers in each shipping case or container; to exempt certain products; to prohibit the sale and shipment into this state of any containers of powdered alcohol; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 26:351(2)(a), (3), and (4) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 26:351(9) and (10) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

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

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 unless they are in containers of no greater capacity than 1.75 liters. The standards of fill shall be the following:

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(2)(a) All wine, sold in or shipped into this state shall be in the following containers: **twenty liters, nineteen and five-tenths liters,** eighteen liters, seventeen liters, sixteen liters, fifteen liters, fourteen liters, thirteen liters, twelve liters, eleven liters, ten liters, nine liters, eight liters, seven liters, six liters, five liters, four liters, three liters, one and five-tenths liters, one liter, seven hundred fifty milliliters, **five hundred milliliters,** three hundred seventy-five milliliters, three hundred fifty-five milliliters, one hundred eighty-seven milliliters.

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

Bottle <u>Container</u> sizes	Bottles <u>Containers</u> per case
1.75 liters	6
1.00 liters	12
750 milliliters	12
375 milliliters	24
355 milliliters	24
200 milliliters	48
<u>100 milliliters</u>	<u>48</u>

(b) For purposes of this Paragraph, "container" shall mean any receptacle produced and manufactured with any substance used to package distilled spirits for delivery to the public.

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

Bottle <u>Container</u> sizes	Bottles <u>Containers</u> per case
5 through 18 liters <u>20 liters</u>	1
4 liters	4
3 liters	4
1.5 liters	6
1 liter	12
750 milliliters	12
<u>500 milliliters</u>	<u>12</u>
375 milliliters	24
355 milliliters	24
187 milliliters	48

(b) For purposes of this Paragraph, "container" shall mean any receptacle

1 produced and manufactured with any substance used to package wine for delivery
2 to the public.

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

6 (10) No container sold in or shipped into this state shall include
7 powdered alcohol.

8 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor
9 or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law
10 without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the
11 Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by
12 the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____