

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 202

An act relating to the size of individual containers of malt beverages; amending s. 563.06, F.S.; removing current restrictions on containers under a specified size; creating s. 564.055, F.S.; providing certain size restrictions on containers in which cider is packaged and sold; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 563.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

563.06 Malt beverages; imprint on individual container; size of containers; exemptions.—

(6) All malt beverages packaged in individual containers sold or offered for sale by vendors at retail in this state shall be in individual containers containing ~~no more than only 8, 12, 16, or 32 ounces~~ of such malt beverages; provided, however, that nothing contained in this section shall affect malt beverages packaged in bulk or in kegs or in barrels or in any individual container containing 1 gallon or more of such malt beverage regardless of individual container type.

Section 2. Section 564.055, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

564.055 Cider containers.—Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, cider, as defined in s. 564.06(4), may be sold by vendors at retail in any size individual container containing no more than 32 ounces of cider; however, this section does not prohibit cider from being packaged and sold in bulk, in kegs or barrels, or in any individual container that contains 1 gallon or more of cider, regardless of container type.

Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

Approved by the Governor May 30, 2001.

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