



House of Representatives

File No. 699

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 5428
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
April 21, 2016

**AN ACT CONCERNING CASE BOTTLE QUANTITIES FOR CERTAIN
ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (6) of section 30-1 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (6) (A) "Case price" means the price of a container of cardboard,
5 wood or other material, containing units of the same size, brand, age
6 and proof of alcoholic liquor, and (B) a case of alcoholic liquor, other
7 than beer, cordials, cocktails, wines and prepared mixed drinks, shall
8 be in the number and quantity, or fewer, with the permission of the
9 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, of units or bottles as follows:
10 [Three gallon bottles; four gallon bottles; six half-gallon bottles; twelve
11 quart bottles or twelve liter bottles; twelve one-fifth gallon bottles or
12 twelve seven hundred fifty milliliter bottles; twenty-four pint bottles;
13 twenty-four one-tenth gallon bottles or six and four-tenths ounce
14 bottles or twenty-four three hundred seventy-five milliliter bottles or

15 forty-eight one hundred eighty-seven and one-half milliliter bottles;
 16 ninety-six one hundred milliliter bottles; forty-eight half-pint bottles,
 17 or two hundred forty-one and one-half ounce, one and six-tenths
 18 ounce and two ounce bottles or ninety-six ninety-three and seven-
 19 tenths milliliter bottles or one hundred ninety-two forty-six and eight-
 20 tenths milliliter bottles] (i) Six one thousand seven hundred fifty
 21 milliliter bottles; (ii) twelve one liter bottles; (iii) twelve seven hundred
 22 fifty milliliter bottles; (iv) twenty-four three hundred seventy-five
 23 milliliter bottles; (v) forty-eight two hundred milliliter bottles; (vi) sixty
 24 one hundred milliliter bottles; or (vii) one hundred twenty fifty
 25 milliliter bottles, except a case of fifty milliliter bottles may be in a
 26 number and quantity as originally configured, packaged and sold by
 27 the manufacturer or out-of-state shipper prior to shipment, provided
 28 such number of bottles does not exceed two hundred. The
 29 commissioner shall not authorize fewer numbers or quantities of units
 30 or bottles as specified in this subdivision for any one person or entity
 31 more than four times in any calendar year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	30-1(6)

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill results in no fiscal impact by modifying the quantities of alcohol allowable in a case of alcoholic liquor.

House "A" alters the original bill by clarifying the quantities of alcohol allowable in a case of alcoholic liquor and has no fiscal impact.

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OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5428 (as amended by House "A")******AN ACT CONCERNING CASE BOTTLE QUANTITIES FOR CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) to permit cases of liquor to have less than the statutory required number and quantity. The DCP commissioner may not allow any one person or entity to have a lower case quantity or number more than four times in a calendar year.

The bill also simplifies and replaces the statutorily required numbers and quantities for a case of liquor with a smaller list based on the metric system. Under the bill, a case of liquor must generally be in the following number and quantity:

1. Six 1,750-milliliter bottles;
2. 12 one-liter bottles;
3. 12 750-milliliter bottles;
4. 24 375-milliliter bottles;
5. 48 200-milliliter bottles;
6. 60 100-milliliter bottles; and
7. 120 50-milliliter bottles, except a case of 50-milliliter bottles may be in a number and quantity as originally configured, packaged, and sold by the manufacturer or out-of-state shipper prior to shipment, provided the number of bottles does not exceed 200.

Current law requires a case of liquor to be in the following number and quantity: (1) three or four, gallon bottles; (2) six, half gallon bottles; (3) 12, quart bottles, liter bottles, 1/5-gallon bottles, or 750-milliliter bottles; (4) 24, pint bottles, 1/10-gallon bottles, 6.4-ounce bottles, or 375-milliliter bottles; (5) 48, 187.5-milliliter bottles or half-pint bottles; (6) 96, 93.7-milliliter bottles or 100-milliliter bottles; (7) 192, 46.8-milliliter bottles; or (8) 200, 41.5-ounce, 1.6-ounce, or two-ounce bottles.

*House Amendment "A" adds the exception for 50-milliliter bottles.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 17 Nay 0 (03/11/2016)