

By the Committee on Regulated Industries and Senator Sullivan

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to alcoholic beverages;  
amending s. 561.01, F.S.; revising the  
definition of the term "discount in the usual  
course of business"; providing an effective  
date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (10) of section 561.01, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

561.01 Definitions.--As used in the Beverage Law:

(10) "Discount in the usual course of business" means  
a cash or spirituous or vinous beverage merchandise discount  
given pursuant to an agreement made at the time of sale.  
However, such agreement shall not result in an accrued,  
accumulated, or retroactive discount. The same discounts  
shall be offered to all vendors of the same license series or  
type buying similar quantities. Any discount which is in  
violation of this section shall be considered an arrangement  
for financial assistance by gift.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
law.

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SB 1070

Allows wine and spirits distributors to offer different  
discounts to vendors with different license types.