

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to malt beverages; amending s. 563.06,  
 3           F.S.; authorizing containers of malt beverages to be  
 4           sold or offered for sale by a vendor at retail in any  
 5           size; providing requirements for malt beverage  
 6           containers; creating s. 563.09, F.S.; authorizing malt  
 7           beverage tastings upon certain licensed premises under  
 8           certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

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

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

14           563.06 Malt beverages; imprint on individual container;  
 15   size of containers; exemptions.—

16           (6) All malt beverages packaged in individual containers  
 17   that are sold or offered for sale by a vendor ~~vendors~~ at retail  
 18   in this state may ~~shall~~ be in individual containers of any size.  
 19   Such containers shall include information specifying the  
 20   manufacturer and brand of the malt beverage and must have an  
 21   unbroken seal or be incapable of being immediately consumed.  
 22   ~~containing no more than 32 ounces of such malt beverages;~~  
 23   ~~provided, however, that nothing contained in This section does~~  
 24   not ~~shall~~ affect malt beverages packaged in bulk, ~~or~~ in kegs, or  
 25   in barrels ~~or in any individual container containing 1 gallon or~~  
 26   ~~more of such malt beverage regardless of individual container~~

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28 Section 2. Section 563.09, Florida Statutes, is created to  
29 read:

30 563.09 Malt beverage tastings by manufacturers and  
31 vendors.—Notwithstanding any other provision of the Beverage  
32 Law, a licensed manufacturer or distributor of malt beverages or  
33 a vendor may conduct a malt beverage tasting upon a licensed  
34 premises authorized to sell alcoholic beverages by package or  
35 for consumption on the premises. Such manufacturer, distributor,  
36 or vendor does not violate s. 561.42 if the conduct of the malt  
37 beverage tasting is limited to and directed toward members of  
38 the general public who are of the age of legal consumption.

39 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.