

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 27, 2012

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1812

Introduced by Assembly Member Chesbro

February 21, 2012

An act to amend Section 23006 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to alcoholic beverages.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1812, as amended, Chesbro. Alcoholic beverages: beer.

Existing law *defines "beer" for purposes of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act and specifically includes ale, porter, brown, stout, lager beer, small beer, and strong beer within the that definition of "beer" for purposes of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act.*

This bill would specify that these types of beverages are considered revise the definition of "beer" for purposes of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, whether bottle conditioned, keg conditioned, cask conditioned, or barrel aged to also provide that beer aged in barrels previously used to contain wine or distilled spirits shall be defined exclusively as "beer," as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 23006 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 23006. "Beer" means any alcoholic beverage obtained by the
- 4 fermentation of any infusion or decoction of barley, malt, hops,

1 or any other similar product, or any combination thereof in water,
2 and includes ale, porter, brown, stout, lager beer, small beer, and
3 strong beer, ~~whether bottle conditioned, keg conditioned, cask~~
4 ~~conditioned, or barrel aged~~, but does not include sake, known as
5 Japanese rice wine. *Beer aged in an empty wooden barrel*
6 *previously used to contain wine or distilled spirits shall be defined*
7 *exclusively as “beer” and shall not be considered a dilution or*
8 *mixture of any other alcoholic beverage.*