

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2005**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Chesbro**

February 20, 2014

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An act to amend Section 25200 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to alcoholic beverages.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2005, as introduced, Chesbro. Beer: labeling requirements.

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, administered by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, regulates the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages and the granting of licenses for the manufacture, distribution, and sale of alcoholic beverages within the state. The act also provides for specified labeling requirements for containers of alcoholic beverages sold within this state, and requires that all beer sold in the state have a label affixed to its package or container with the true and correct name and address of the manufacturer of the beer and the true and correct name of the bottler of the beer if other than the manufacturer. Existing law requires a beer manufacturer that refills any container supplied by a consumer to affix a label on the container that complies with these provisions prior to its resale to the consumer.

This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

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 25200 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:

1 25200. (a) All beer sold in this state shall have a label affixed  
2 to the package or container thereof, containing the brand and type  
3 of beer, upon which shall appear the true and correct name and  
4 address of the manufacturer of the beer, and also the true and  
5 correct name of the bottler of the beer if other than the  
6 manufacturer.

7 (b) A manufacturer, importer, or wholesaler of beer shall not  
8 use a container or carton as a package or container of a beer other  
9 than the beer as is manufactured by the manufacturer whose name  
10 or brand of beer appears upon the container or carton, or use as a  
11 package or container of a beer a container or carton which bears  
12 the name of a manufacturer of beer or the brand of any beer other  
13 than those of the manufacturer of the beer contained in the  
14 container or carton.

15 (c) A beer manufacturer that refills any container supplied by  
16 a consumer shall affix a label that complies with this section on  
17 the container prior to ~~its~~ resale *of the container* to the consumer.  
18 Any information concerning any beer previously packaged in the  
19 container, including, but not limited to, information regarding the  
20 manufacturer and bottler of the beer, or any associated brands or  
21 trademarks, shall be removed or completely obscured in a manner  
22 not readily removable by the consumer prior to the resale of the  
23 container to the consumer. This subdivision does not authorize a  
24 beer manufacturer to refill a container supplied by a consumer  
25 with a capacity of five liquid gallons or more.