

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 5, 2016

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2076**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Cristina Garcia and Eggman**

February 17, 2016

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An act to add ~~Section 13570 to the Water~~ *Chapter 14 (commencing with Section 25995) to Division 15 of the Public Resources Code, relating to water.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2076, as amended, Cristina Garcia. ~~Water recycling: beer and wine: and energy use efficiency: certification: breweries.~~

*Existing law establishes the CalConserve Water Use Efficiency Revolving Fund and provides that the moneys in the fund are available to the Department of Water Resources, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the purpose of water use efficiency projects.*

*Existing law, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, establishes the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the regulation and licensure of activities related to alcoholic beverages.*

*This bill would require the Department of Water Resources, in consultation with the California brewing industry, to develop water and energy use efficiency certification guidelines for the production of beer that include, among other things, uniform standards for the industry's use of efficiency certification seals and would require the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to consult in label design and approval for the use of a seal on a beer bottle. The bill would require an applicant for water and energy use efficiency certification to submit an application to the Department of Water Resources and, in accordance with the guidelines, would require the department to review*

*the application and approve or disapprove the certification of the brewery within an unspecified time. The bill would require each application for certification to be accompanied by an application fee to recover costs incurred by the Department of Water Resources for the efficiency certification.*

~~Existing law requires the State Water Resources Control Board to establish uniform statewide recycling criteria for each varying type of use of recycled water where the use involves the protection of public health.~~

~~This bill would require the board to adopt uniform water recycling criteria for the use of recycled water in the manufacture of beer and wine.~~

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

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

1     *SECTION 1. Chapter 14 (commencing with Section 25995) is*  
2     *added to Division 15 of the Public Resources Code, to read:*

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4     *CHAPTER 14. BREWERY WATER AND ENERGY USE EFFICIENCY*  
5                     *CERTIFICATION*

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7     25995. *The Department of Water Resources, in consultation*  
8     *with the California brewing industry, shall develop water and*  
9     *energy use efficiency certification guidelines for the production*  
10    *of beer that include all of the following:*

11    (i) *Three tiers of certification with the highest tier being gold,*  
12    *the next tier being silver, and the lowest tier being bronze.*

13    (b) *Seals designed for each tier of certification.*

14    (c) *Uniform standards for the industry’s use of seals, including,*  
15    *but not limited to, on the label of a bottle or on the outside of a*  
16    *manufacturing plant. The Department of Alcoholic Beverage*  
17    *Control shall consult in label design and approval for the use of*  
18    *a seal on a beer bottle.*

19    25996. (a) *An applicant for water and energy use efficiency*  
20    *certification shall submit an application to the Department of*  
21    *Water Resources. In accordance with the guidelines established*  
22    *pursuant to Section 25995, the department shall review the*

1 application and approve or disapprove the certification of the  
2 brewery within \_\_\_\_\_.

3 (b) Each application submitted pursuant to this section shall  
4 be accompanied by an application fee to recover costs incurred  
5 by the Department of Water Resources for the efficiency  
6 certification. Consistent with Section 3 of Article XIII A of the  
7 California Constitution, the department shall set the fee in an  
8 amount sufficient to recover all reasonable regulatory costs  
9 incurred for the purposes of this chapter.

10 SECTION 1. ~~Section 13570 is added to the Water Code, to~~  
11 ~~read:~~

12 ~~13570. The state board shall adopt uniform water recycling~~  
13 ~~criteria for the use of recycled water in the manufacture of beer~~  
14 ~~and wine.~~

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