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LIQUOR LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REPEAL OF MINIMUM PRICING) ACT 2025

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Act No. 2 of 2025

An Act to amend the *Liquor Act 2019* and the *Liquor Regulations 2019*

[*Assented to 18 February 2025*]
[*Introduced 28 November 2024*]

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:

Part 1 Preliminary matters

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Liquor Legislation Amendment (Repeal of Minimum Pricing) Act 2025*.

2 Commencement

(1) Subject to subsection (2), this Act commences on the day fixed by the Administrator by *Gazette* notice.

(2) If a provision of this Act does not commence before 25 November 2026, it commences on that day.

Part 2 Amendment of Liquor Act 2019

3 Act amended

This Part amends the *Liquor Act 2019*.

4 Section 4 amended (Interpretation)

(1) Section 4(1), definitions ***minimum sale price*** and ***sale price***

omit

(2) Section 4(1), definition ***standard drink***

omit

section 117

insert

section 5A

5 Sections 5A to 5C inserted

After section 5

insert

5A Meaning of *standard drink*

A ***standard drink*** is the volume of a liquor product that contains 10 g of ethyl alcohol when measured at 20°C.

5B Number of standard drinks in liquor products

(1) The number of standard drinks in a liquor product is calculated according to the following formula:

SD = V x ABV x 0.789

where:

SD = the number of standard drinks.

V = volume of the liquor product in litres.

ABV = the alcohol content of the liquor product, expressed as a number equal to the percentage of volume, as indicated on the product label.

Notes for subsection (1)

1 The value 0.789 represents the specific gravity of ethyl alcohol.

2 Some product labels will indicate the number of standard drinks contained in the product container.

Example for subsection (1)

A 250 ml glass of wine from a bottle with the product label showing 6% alcohol content would contain 1.18 standard drinks: 0.25 x 6 x 0.789 = 1.18.

(2) The number of standard drinks in a liquor product may be determined from its product label, without using the formula in subsection (1), if the label:

(a) indicates the number of standard drinks in the product; and

(b) could reasonably be assumed to be in accordance with the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code made under the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991* (Cth).

(3) If a liquor product is in a container without a product label that complies with subsection (2), the number of standard drinks in the product may be determined by reference to the compliant product label of an otherwise identical product.

5C Cocktails and mixed beverages

If a liquor product consists of 2 or more other liquor products, the number of standard drinks in the product is the sum of the number of standard drinks in each component liquor product.

Examples for section 5C

1 *A licensee offers a "bundle" consisting of 1 bottle of spirits and 12 cans of beer. The number of standard drinks in the bundle is the sum of the number for the spirits and each can of beer.*

2 *A margarita cocktail comprises 40 ml tequila, 20 ml orange liqueur, lime juice, salt and ice. Accordingly, the calculation of standard drinks is as follows:*

0.040 L tequila at 35% alcohol x 0.789 = 1.1 standard drinks

0.020 L orange liqueur at 40% alcohol x 0.789 = 0.63 standard drinks

lime juice, salt and ice – no alcohol content

total standard drinks = 1.1 + 0.63 = 1.73 standard drinks.

6 Section 104 repealed (Conditions about minimum pricing)

Section 104

repeal

7 Part 5 repealed (Minimum pricing)

Part 5

repeal

Part 3 Amendment of Liquor Regulations 2019

8 Regulations amended

This Part amends the *Liquor Regulations 2019*.

9 Regulation 6 repealed (Products exempt from minimum pricing)

Regulation 6

repeal

10 Regulation 102 amended (Information to be kept by registered wholesaler)

Regulation 102(1)

omit

section 36(2)(b)

insert

section 36(1)

11 Part 5, Division 3 repealed (Minimum sale price)

Part 5, Division 3

repeal

12 Schedule 6 amended (Infringement notice offences and prescribed amounts)

Schedule 6, Part 1, entry for sections 126(1) and 127(1)

omit

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This Act is repealed on the day after it commences.