

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2156  
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Licensing & Administrative Procedures  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Currently, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code prohibits the sale of distilled spirits in containers of less than 1.6 fluid ounces provided the sale is made to the holder of an airline beverage permit or a mixed beverage permit holder. Spirit coolers, as described by the definition of "distilled spirits" in of this code, may be sold in containers with a capacity of less than 355 milliliters as well as in containers with any other capacity authorized by this code for distilled spirits.

House Bill 2156 authorizes the retail sale of distilled spirits in 20 milliliter containers.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the opinion of this committee that this bill does not expressly delegate any additional rulemaking authority to any state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

Amends Section 101.46 (a), Alcoholic Beverage Code deletes the 1.6 fluid ounce measurement and replaces it with 20 milliliters measurement for lowering the threshold of importing, selling, or possessing with the intent to sell any liquor. Also amends Section 101.47 to allow a carrier to transport liquor in containers of less than 20 milliliters if the liquor is not for sale, use or consumption in the state.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2003