

**SENATE BILL NO. 235**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE LONG RANGE FINANCIAL  
PLANNING COMMISSION

Introduced: 1/22/96

Referred: STA, JUD, FIN

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to excise taxes on alcoholic beverages; and providing for an  
2 effective date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 43.60.010(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) Every brewer, distiller, bottler, jobber, retailer, wholesaler, or manufacturer  
6 who sells alcoholic beverages in the state or who consigns shipments of alcoholic  
7 beverages into the state, whether or not the alcoholic beverages are brewed, distilled,  
8 bottled, or manufactured in the state, shall pay on all malt beverages (alcoholic content  
9 of one percent or more by volume), wines, and hard or distilled alcoholic beverages,  
10 the following taxes:

11 (1) malt beverages, per [AT THE RATE OF 35 CENTS A] gallon or  
12 fraction of a gallon, **at the following rates:**

13 **(A) on and after the effective date of this Act and through**  
14 **June 30, 1999 - \$1.05;**

1 (B) after June 30, 1999, and through June 30, 2002 - \$1.15;  
2 (C) after June 30, 2002, and through June 30, 2005 - \$1.25;

3 and

4 (D) after June 30, 2005 - \$1.25 plus an additional 10 cents  
5 during each succeeding three-year period, the increase to be effective on  
6 the first day of the succeeding three-year period;

7 (2) wine or other beverages of 21 percent alcohol by volume or less,  
8 per [AT THE RATE OF 85 CENTS A] gallon or fraction of a gallon, at the following  
9 rates:

10 (A) on and after the effective date of this Act and through  
11 June 30, 1999 - \$2.50;

12 (B) after June 30, 1999, and through June 30, 2002 - \$3.15;

13 (C) after June 30, 2002, and through June 30, 2005 - \$3.80;

14 and

15 (D) after June 30, 2005 - \$3.80 plus an additional 65 cents  
16 during each succeeding three-year period, the increase to be effective on  
17 the first day of the succeeding three-year period; and

18 (3) other beverages having a content of more than 21 percent alcohol  
19 by volume, per [AT THE RATE OF \$5.60 A] gallon or fraction of a gallon, at the  
20 following rates

21 (A) on and after the effective date of this Act and through  
22 June 30, 1999 - \$8.50;

23 (B) after June 30, 1999, and through June 30, 2002 - \$10.60;

24 (C) after June 30, 2002, and through June 30, 2005 - \$12.70;

25 and

26 (D) after June 30, 2005 - \$12.70 plus an additional \$2.10  
27 during each succeeding three-year period, the increase to be effective on  
28 the first day of the succeeding three-year period.

29 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 43.60 is amended by adding a new section to read:

30 Sec. 43.60.035. NOTICE. At the time of a change in the amount of tax under  
31 AS 43.60.010(a), the department shall promptly give public notice of the change. The

1 department shall also provide notification of a change in the amount to each brewer,  
2 distiller, bottler, jobber, retailer, wholesaler, manufacturer, or other person liable for  
3 payment of the tax levied by AS 43.60.010.

4 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect October 1, 1996.