

# House of Representatives

# Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 11 September 2012

## Alcohol Reform Bill

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### *Proposed amendment*

Hon Phil Goff, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

*New clause 382A*

After *clause 382* (after line 5 on page 236), insert:

**382A Regulating sale of alcohol containing more than 5% ethanol (other than beer, mead, and wine)**

- (1) This section applies to alcohol that—
    - (a) is not alcohol of one of the following kinds:
      - (i) beer:
      - (ii) fruit or vegetable wine:
      - (iii) grape wine:
      - (iv) mead; and
    - (b) contains more than 5% ethanol by volume measured at 20°C; and
    - (c) in the vessel in which the alcohol is sold, provides more than 1.5 standard drinks (as defined in the regulations required by this section).
  - (2) Regulations made under **section 382** may define alcohol products to which this section applies as a prohibited ready-to-drink alcopop product.
  - (3) A prohibited ready-to-drink alcopop product must not be manufactured or offered for sale.
  - (4) The Minister must recommend the making of regulations referred to in **subsection (2)** within 3 months of the commencement of this Act.
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**Explanatory note**

This Supplementary Order Paper limits the alcohol level of ready-to-drink (RTDs) products to no more than 5% and 1.5 standard drinks per bottle. This will ensure that the Law Commission's concerns about RTDs are addressed. It has been reported that due to their high level of sugar masking alcohol content, the alcohol content in these drinks is masked making them attractive and easy to drink for younger people to whom they are specifically marketed. A responsible Government would urgently use all of its resources to adequately define RTDs so that manufacturers know exactly what not to produce. This Supplementary Order Paper will go some way to reducing the human, social, and economic costs of alcohol abuse to young people. This moderate measure will not ban RTDs but limit their alcohol content.

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