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An Act to amend the Liquor Control Board of Ontario Act, 2019 regarding Ontario-produced liquor

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Private Member's Bill

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2nd Reading

3rd Reading

Royal Assent



EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bill amends the *Liquor Control Board of Ontario Act, 2019* to make various amendments related to Ontario-produced liquor.

The objects of the LCBO are expanded to include promoting and reporting on Ontario-produced liquor. The LCBO is required to reinvest a percentage of profits into Ontario liquor producers. The LCBO is given the power to consult with specified Ministers to ensure alignment of their operations with agricultural, tourism and economic development strategies.

New section 17.1 provides that the Act shall not be interpreted in a manner that restricts the importation or sale of liquor that is produced outside of Ontario or that is inconsistent with Ontario's interprovincial and international trade obligations.

Several new regulation-making powers are set out. These include the power to establish new requirements that apply to the LCBO in relation to Ontario-produced liquor.

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regarding Ontario-produced liquor**

His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

1 Section 3 of the *Liquor Control Board of Ontario Act, 2019* is amended by adding the following paragraph:

2.1 To promote and report on Ontario-produced liquor.

2 The Act is amended by adding the following section:

Reinvestment in Ontario liquor producers

4.1 The LCBO shall, in accordance with the regulations, reinvest the percentage of its profits that is set out in the regulations into Ontario liquor producers.

3 The Act is amended by adding the following section:

Consultations to align strategies

5.2 The LCBO may consult with the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, the Minister of Rural Affairs or the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming to ensure alignment of the LCBO's operations with provincial agricultural, tourism and economic development strategies.

4 The Act is amended by adding the following section:

Liquor produced outside of Ontario

17.1 (1) Nothing in this Act shall be interpreted in a manner that restricts the importation or sale of liquor that is produced outside of Ontario.

Interpretation

(2) This Act shall be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with Ontario's interprovincial and international trade obligations.

5 Subsection 18 (1) of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Regulations

(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations,

- (a) prescribing anything that is required or permitted under this Act to be prescribed or to be done by or in accordance with the regulations;
- (b) defining or clarifying what constitutes an Ontario-produced liquor or an Ontario liquor producer, including by specifying,
 - (i) the minimum percentage of ingredients that must have been grown in or produced in Ontario,
 - (ii) the production steps that must have taken place in Ontario;
- (c) governing the reinvestment in Ontario liquor producers that is required by section 4.1, including by prescribing the percentage of profits that must be reinvested;
- (d) governing the promotion of Ontario-produced liquors by the LCBO, which may include,
 - (i) prescribing target sales of Ontario-produced liquors by the LCBO, which may be either an amount or a percentage of overall liquor sales, and requiring the LCBO to enact measures to achieve the target,
 - (ii) requiring the LCBO to dedicate shelf space to Ontario-produced liquor, in accordance with prescribed requirements,
 - (iii) requiring the LCBO to increase the number of different Ontario-produced liquor producers that it purchases from, in accordance with the prescribed requirements,
 - (iv) establishing and governing requirements regarding the promotion and display of Ontario-produced liquor in the LCBO's retail stores,

- (v) prescribing categories of other activities that the LCBO must recognize and promote in support of Ontario's liquor producers and economy.

Commencement

6 This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Short title

7 The short title of this Act is the *Ontario in Your Glass Act, 2026*.