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### Scott signs beer growler bill into law

Gov. Rick Scott signed into law Thursday a bill that lifts a Prohibition-era ban on half-gallon refillable beer jugs known as growlers, the most popular size used to take beer on tap home.

The law goes into effect July 1 and comes after the Crafted Keg in downtown Stuart sued the state over the ban, saying it hurt businesses. Up until the law was passed, the state only allowed jugs up to 32 ounces and more than 128 ounces.

The new law, proposed by Sen. Jack Latvala, R-Clearwater and supported by the Florida Brewers Guild, makes Florida the last state to allow the 64-ounce growlers, an industry standard, and also allows breweries to open up to eight tap rooms where customers can sample beer.

“By making the sale of 64-ounce growlers legal in Florida, we are eliminating another burdensome regulation and allowing more Florida businesses to succeed,” Scott said in a news release.