

1 S.86

2 Introduced by Senator Westman

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Alcoholic beverages; general provisions; cider

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to replace the

7 term “cider” with “hard cider” within Title 7 of the Vermont Statutes

8 Annotated.

9 An act relating to replacing the term “cider” with “hard cider” within Title 7

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. 7 V.S.A. § 2 is amended to read:

12 § 2. DEFINITIONS

13 As used in this title:

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15 (44) ~~“Cider”~~ “Hard cider” means a vinous beverage, made a majority
16 from the fermented natural sugar content of apples or pears, that contains an
17 alcoholic content of not less than one percent or more than 16 percent by
18 volume at 60 degrees Fahrenheit. ~~“Cider”~~ “Hard cider” includes sweetened,
19 flavored, and carbonated hard cider.

1 Sec. 2. 7 V.S.A. § 228 is amended to read:

2 § 228. SAMPLER FLIGHTS

3 (a) The holder of a first-class license may serve a sampler flight of up to 32
4 ounces in the aggregate of malt beverages or hard ciders to a single customer at
5 one time.

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7 Sec. 3. 7 V.S.A. § 253 is amended to read:

8 § 253. FESTIVAL PERMITS

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10 (2)(A) Malt beverages and hard ciders for sampling shall be offered in
11 glasses that contain not more than 12 ounces with not more than 60 ounces
12 served to any patron at one event.

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14 Sec. 4. 7 V.S.A. § 421 is amended to read:

15 § 421. TAX ON MALT AND VINOUS BEVERAGES

16 (a) Every packager and wholesale dealer shall pay to the Commissioner of
17 Taxes:

18 (1) the sum of 26 and one-half cents per gallon for every gallon or its
19 equivalent of:

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1 (B) hard ciders containing not more than seven percent of alcohol by
2 volume at 60 degrees Fahrenheit sold by them to retailers in the State;

3 (2) the sum of 55 cents per gallon for each gallon of:

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5 (B) hard ciders containing more than seven percent of alcohol by
6 volume at 60 degrees Fahrenheit sold by them to retailers in the State; and

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8 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

9 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023