

1 S.216

2 Introduced by Senator Westman

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Alcoholic beverages; definitions; cider

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to define “cider”  
7 as a vinous beverage made a majority from the fermented sugars of apples or  
8 pears.

9 An act relating to the definition of “cider”

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 (43) “Cider” means a vinous beverage, made a majority from the  
16 fermented natural sugar content of apples or pears, that contains an alcoholic  
17 content of not less than one percent or more than 16 percent by volume at  
18 60 degrees Fahrenheit. “Cider” includes sweetened, flavored, and carbonated  
19 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  
4 32 ounces in the aggregate of malt beverages or 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 (d) The permit holder shall ensure the following:

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

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

17 § 421. TAX ON MALT AND VINOUS BEVERAGES

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

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

