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:
14	* * *
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	<u>cider.</u>

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.
6	* * *
7	Sec. 3. 7 V.S.A. § 253 is amended to read:
8	§ 253. FESTIVAL PERMITS
9	* * *
10	(d) The permit holder shall ensure the following:
11	* * *
12	(2)(A) Malt beverages <u>and ciders</u> 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 <u>:</u>
20	(1) the sum of 26 and one-half cents per gallon for every gallon or its
21	equivalent of:

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1	(A) malt beverages containing not more than six percent of alcohol
2	by volume at 60 degrees Fahrenheit sold by them to retailers in the State; and
3	(B) ciders containing not more than seven percent of alcohol by
4	volume at 60 degrees Fahrenheit sold by them to retailers in the State; and
5	(2) the sum of 55 cents per gallon for each gallon of:
6	(A) malt beverages containing more than six percent of alcohol by
7	volume at 60 degrees Fahrenheit <u>:</u>
8	(B) ciders containing more than seven percent of alcohol by volume
9	at 60 degrees Fahrenheit sold by them to retailers in the State; and each gallon
10	of
11	(C) vinous beverages sold by them to retailers in the State.
12	(3) A manufacturer or rectifier of malt or vinous beverages shall pay the
13	taxes required by this subsection to the Commissioner of Taxes for all malt and
14	vinous beverages manufactured or rectified by them and sold at retail.
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16	Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE
17	This act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.