

Amendment to SB 315

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to the definitions of beverage and of mead.

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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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7 1 Beverage; Definition. Amend RSA 175:1, VIII to read as follows:

8 VIII. "Beverage" means any beer, wine, similar fermented malt or vinous liquors and fruit
9 juices, and any other liquid intended for human consumption as a beverage having an alcoholic
10 content of not less than 1/2 of one percent by volume and not more than 6 percent alcohol by volume
11 at 60 degrees Fahrenheit and specialty beer as defined in RSA 175:1, LXIV-a. The commission may
12 approve any fermented malt beverage **or mead** greater than 6 percent but not to exceed 8 percent
13 or any cider greater than 6 percent.

14 2 New Paragraph; Definitions; Mead. Amend RSA 175:1 by inserting after paragraph XLVIII
15 the following new paragraph:

16 XLVIII-a. "Mead" means an alcoholic beverage primarily made from honey, water, and
17 yeast, and which may contain fruit, fruit juices, spices, or herbs added before or after fermentation
18 as completed, except that the ratio of fermentable sugars from honey must exceed 50 percent of the
19 total fermentable sugars used to produce mead.

20 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill defines mead and allows the liquor commission to approve certain meads.