

Amendment to HB 642

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

2
3 AN ACT defining specialty cider.
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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:
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7 1 New Paragraph; Specialty Cider; Definitions. Amend RSA 175:1 by inserting after paragraph
8 LXIV-a the following new paragraph:

9 LXIV-aa. "Specialty cider" means either the naturally fermented expressed juice of apples
10 or the fermented expressed juice of apples to which activated yeast is added, either of which
11 contains not less than 8 percent and not more than 12 percent alcohol by volume at 60 degrees
12 Fahrenheit. Specialty cider may contain flavoring, coloring, or related ingredients and may be
13 carbonated or fermented in a sealed container to produce a sparkling beverage or liquor. Specialty
14 cider shall not include cider as defined in RSA 434:40-a

15 2 Beverage; Definitions. Amend RSA 175:1, VIII to read as follows:

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

23 3 New Paragraph; Beverage Manufacturer License; Specialty Cider. Amend RSA 178:12 by
24 inserting after paragraph XII the following new paragraph:

25 XIII. The holder of a beverage manufacturer's license may produce a "specialty cider" as
26 defined in RSA 175:1, LXIV-aa. Such specialty cider may be produced and sold not more than twice
27 in any licensing year. A beverage manufacturer that chooses to manufacture a specialty cider shall:

28 (a) Provide 30 days advanced notice to the commission of the intent to produce a
29 specialty cider.

30 (b) Provide the commission with an estimated quantity of specialty cider to be produced
31 and shall report to the commission the production of specialty cider separately from other beverages
32 produced.

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1 (c) Not produce more than 1,000 cases holding 24 12-ounce containers, or the
2 equivalent, in a licensing year.

3 (d) Notify the commission after the production of specialty cider has ended during a
4 licensing year.

5 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill defines specialty ciders and makes provisions regarding the manufacture of specialty ciders.