**An Act To Prohibit Shelf-stable Products from Being Sold as Cider and To Amend the Definition for Those Products That Are Heated**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec.** **1. 7 MRSA §543-A, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 175, §1, is amended to read:

**1.** **Restriction on product labeled as cider.**  A person may not sell, advertise, offer or expose for sale any product labeled as "cider" if that product does not require refrigeration from pressing through purchase or has been heated to a temperature of 155° Fahrenheit or higher for more than ~~10~~ 5 seconds.

**SUMMARY**

Current law prohibits the selling, advertising or offering or exposing for sale any product labeled "cider" if that product has been heated to a temperature of 155º Fahrenheit or higher for more than 10 seconds. This bill adds to the prohibition a product that does not require refrigeration from pressing through purchase. It also, with regard to products that are heated, reduces the duration of the heating to 5 seconds.