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An Act To Clarify the Definition of Hard Cider for the Purposes of the Returnable Container Law

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1862, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1993, c. 77, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Beverage. "Beverage" means beer, ale or other drink produced by fermenting malt, spirits, wine, hard cider, wine coolers, soda or noncarbonated water and all nonalcoholic carbonated or noncarbonated drinks in liquid form and intended for internal human consumption, except for unflavored rice milk, unflavored soymilk, milk and dairy-derived products.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1862, sub-§7-A is enacted to read:

7-A. Hard cider. "Hard cider" means a beverage produced by fermentation of the juice of fruit, including, but not limited to, flavored, sparkling or carbonated cider that contains not less than 1/2 of 1% alcohol by volume and not more than 7% alcohol by volume.

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