

HOUSE BILL 261

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CF SB 161

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverages – Hard Cider – Definition**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of hard cider to include certain beverages
4 derived primarily from pears or pear concentrate and water; and generally
5 relating to the definition of hard cider.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
8 Section 1–102(a)(1)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
13 Section 1–102(a)(9–1)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

19 1–102.

20 (a) (1) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

21 (9–1) “Hard cider” means a beverage derived primarily from [apples or]
22 **APPLES, apple concentrate and water, PEARS, OR PEAR CONCENTRATE AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **WATER**, containing no other fruit product, and containing at least one-half of 1% and
2 less than 7% of alcohol by volume.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2014.