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SENATE BILL 20-177

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "HARD CIDER" AS IT  
102 RELATES TO THE REGULATION OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES TO  
103 HARMONIZE WITH FEDERAL LAW.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill amends the definition of "hard cider" to increase:

! The upper limit of alcohol by volume from 7% to 8.5%;  
and

! The maximum amount of carbon dioxide per hundred milliliters from 0.392 gram to 0.64 gram.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-3-103, **amend**  
3 (20) as follows:

4           **44-3-103. Definitions.** As used in this article 3 and article 4 of  
5 this title 44, unless the context otherwise requires:

6           (20) "Hard cider" means an alcohol beverage containing at least  
7 one-half of one percent and less than ~~seven~~ EIGHT AND ONE-HALF percent  
8 alcohol by volume that is made by THE fermentation of the natural juice  
9 of apples or pears. ~~including but not limited to~~ "HARD CIDER" INCLUDES  
10 flavored hard cider and hard cider containing not more than ~~0.392~~ 0.64  
11 gram of carbon dioxide per hundred milliliters. For the purpose of  
12 simplicity of administration of this article 3, hard cider shall in all  
13 respects be treated as a vinous liquor except where expressly provided  
14 otherwise.

15           **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
16 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
17 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
18 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a  
19 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
20 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
21 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
22 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
23 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
24 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.