

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6325

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Aligning the alcohol content definition of cider with the federal definition.

Sponsors: Senators Baumgartner, Ranker and Bailey.

Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor
House Committee on Commerce & Gaming

Background: Cider is defined as a table wine that contains not less than 0.5 percent and not more than 7 percent of alcohol by volume (ABV). Cider is made from the alcoholic fermentation of the juice of apples or pears and may be flavored, sparkling, or carbonated.

On December 18, 2015, Congress amended the federal definition of cider by increasing the maximum amount of ABV from 7 percent to 8.5 percent.

Summary: The maximum amount of ABV for cider is increased from 7 percent to 8.5 percent.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	42	6
House	88	9

Effective: June 9, 2016

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