

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6325

As of January 22, 2016

Title: An act relating to aligning the alcohol content definition of cider with the federal definition.

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

Sponsors: Senators Baumgartner, Ranker and Bailey.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Commerce & Labor:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

Staff: Richard Rodger (786-7461)

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

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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