

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1123

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with "expanding" in line 3 down through "changes" in line 5 and substitute "providing that hard cider shall be considered as beer for certain purposes; defining a certain term"; and after line 15, insert:

"BY adding to

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

Section 1-102(a)(9-1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike beginning with ""BEER"" in line 3 down through "B." in line 10 and substitute "FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE AND THE TAX - GENERAL ARTICLE, HARD CIDER, AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH (9-1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS BEER IN ALL RESPECTS.

(9-1) "HARD CIDER" MEANS A BEVERAGE DERIVED PRIMARILY FROM APPLES OR APPLE CONCENTRATE AND WATER, CONTAINING NO OTHER FRUIT PRODUCT, AND CONTAINING";

in line 17, strike the brackets; strike beginning with "; AND" in line 18 down through "VOLUME" in line 23; and after line 23, insert:

"(3) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS TITLE, HARD CIDER, AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 2B, § 1-102(A)(9-1) OF THE CODE, SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS BEER IN ALL RESPECTS."