

SENATE BILL 161

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CF HB 261

By: **Senators Conway and Reilly**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Committee Report: Favorable

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CHAPTER _____

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.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

2 (9-1) "Hard cider" means a beverage derived primarily from [apples or]
3 **APPLES**, apple concentrate and water, **PEARS, OR PEAR CONCENTRATE AND**
4 **WATER**, containing no other fruit product, and containing at least one-half of 1% and
5 less than 7% of alcohol by volume.

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.