



Bill Title: Aligning the alcohol content definition of cider with the federal definition

Bill Number: SB 6325

Effective Date: 6/9/2016

Amends: Adds a new section to RCW 66.24.210

Summary:

Cider is defined as a table wine 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 as having no less than 0.5% alcohol by volume (ABV) up to 8.5 percent, increasing the maximum amount of alcohol by volume (ABV) from 7 percent.

Senate Bill 6325 supports the growing cider industry of Washington State, streamlining the state and federal regulations governing the industry by aligning the state definition based on the amount of alcohol by volume in cider with the federal definition.

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