

## Chapter 278

(Senate Bill 161)

AN ACT concerning

### Alcoholic Beverages – Hard Cider – Definition

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of hard cider to include certain beverages derived primarily from pears or pear concentrate and water; and generally relating to the definition of hard cider.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 1–102(a)(1)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

### Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

1–102.

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

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

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

**Approved by the Governor, May 5, 2014.**