

Calendar No. 40

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**S. 906****[Report No. 114–17]**

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the types of wines taxed as hard cider.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 14, 2015

Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on Finance, reported the following original bill; which was read twice and placed on the calendar

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Cider Investment and
5 Development through Excise Tax Reduction (CIDER)
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF DEFINITION OF HARD CIDER.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5041 of the Internal Rev-
3 enue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the
4 following new subsection:

5 “(g) HARD CIDER.—For purposes of subsection
6 (b)(6), the term ‘hard cider’ means a wine—

7 “(1) containing not more than 0.64 gram of
8 carbon dioxide per hundred milliliters of wine, except
9 that the Secretary may by regulations prescribe such
10 tolerances to this limitation as may be reasonably
11 necessary in good commercial practice,

12 “(2) which is derived primarily from—

13 “(A) apples, apple juice concentrate, pears,
14 or pear juice concentrate, and

15 “(B) water,

16 “(3) which contains no fruit product or fruit
17 flavoring other than apple or pear, and

18 “(4) which contains at least one-half of 1 per-
19 cent and less than 8.5 percent alcohol by volume.”.

20 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (6) of
21 section 5041(b) of such Code is amended by striking
22 “which is a still wine” and all that follows through “alco-
23 hol by volume”.

24 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
25 this section shall apply to articles removed during calendar
26 years beginning after December 31, 2015.

1 **SEC. 3. INCREASE IN CONTINUOUS LEVY.**

2 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Paragraph (3) of section 6331(h)
3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by strik-
4 ing “30 percent” and inserting “35 percent”.

5 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
6 this section shall apply to payments made after 180 days
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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