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LEGISLATIVE BILL 899

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Committee: General Affairs

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend
2 sections 53-101, 53-103, and 53-103.03, Revised Statutes
3 Cumulative Supplement, 2012; to redefine beer; to define
4 hard cider; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the
5 original sections.
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 53-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative
2 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

3 53-101 Sections 53-101 to 53-1,122 and section 4 of this
4 act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Liquor Control
5 Act.

6 Sec. 2. Section 53-103, Revised Statutes Cumulative
7 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

8 53-103 For purposes of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act,
9 the definitions found in sections 53-103.01 to 53-103.43 and section
10 4 of this act apply.

11 Sec. 3. Section 53-103.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative
12 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

13 53-103.03 Beer means a beverage obtained by alcoholic
14 fermentation of an infusion or concoction of barley or other grain,
15 malt, and hops in water and includes, but is not limited to, beer,
16 ale, stout, lager beer, porter, near beer, ~~and~~ flavored malt
17 beverage, and hard cider.

18 Sec. 4. Hard cider means still wine derived (1)(a)(i)
19 primarily from apples or apple concentrate and water such that apple
20 juice, or the equivalent amount of concentrate reconstituted to the
21 original brix of the juice prior to concentration, represents more
22 than fifty percent of the volume of the finished product and (ii)
23 containing no other fruit product nor any artificial product which
24 imparts a fruit flavor other than apple or (b)(i) primarily from
25 pears or pear concentrate and water such that pear juice, or the

1 equivalent amount of concentrate reconstituted to the original brix
2 of the juice prior to concentration, represents more than fifty
3 percent of the volume of the finished product and (ii) containing no
4 other fruit product nor any artificial product which imparts a fruit
5 flavor other than pear, (2) containing at least one-half of one
6 percent and less than eight and one-half percent alcohol by volume,
7 (3) having the taste, aroma, and characteristics generally attributed
8 to hard cider, and (4) sold or offered for sale as hard cider.

9 Sec. 5. Original sections 53-101, 53-103, and 53-103.03,
10 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2012, are repealed.