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House of Representatives, February 12, 2015

An Act Regarding the Sale and Taxation of Hard Cider

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative TIMBERLAKE of Turner.
Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, GREENWOOD of Wales, LUCHINI of Ellsworth,
McCABE of Skowhegan, NOON of Sanford, TURNER of Burlington, Senator: DIAMOND of
Cumberland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§12-A**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 652, Pt. A, §41,
3 is further amended to read:

4 **12-A. Hard cider.** "Hard cider" means liquor produced by fermentation of the juice
5 of apples, pears, cranberries or any combination of those fruits, including, but not limited
6 to, flavored, sparkling or carbonated cider, that contains not less than 1/2 of 1% alcohol
7 by volume and not more than 7% alcohol by volume.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill includes within the definition of "hard cider" liquor produced by
10 fermentation of pears and cranberries or combinations of apples, pears and cranberries.