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CHAPTER  
441  
PUBLIC LAW

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND SIXTEEN

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H.P. 1148 - L.D. 1678

**An Act To Change the Definition of "Hard Cider" for Consistency with  
Federal Law**

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

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

**12-A. Hard cider.** "Hard cider" means liquor produced by fermentation of the juice of apples or pears, including, but not limited to, flavored, sparkling or carbonated cider, that contains not less than 1/2 of 1% alcohol by volume and not more than ~~7%~~ 8.5% alcohol by volume.

**Sec. 2. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2017.