

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

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S.P. 244 - L.D. 630

An Act To Prohibit Shelf-stable Products from Being Sold as Cider

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §543-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 175, §1, is amended to read:

1. Restriction on product labeled as cider. A person may not sell, advertise, offer or expose for sale any product labeled as "cider" if that product does not require refrigeration from pressing through purchase or has been heated ~~to a temperature of 155° Fahrenheit or higher for more than 10 seconds.~~

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §543-A, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 175, §1, is amended to read:

2. Accepted processing methods. All cider sold, advertised, offered or exposed for sale must be ~~heat treated~~, treated by ultraviolet light or pressed under a state-approved hazard and critical control plan unless the cider bears a warning label in accordance with subsection 3. A state-approved hazard and critical control plan must prohibit the pressing of apples that have dropped from the trees for use in cider. ~~For the purposes of this section, "heat treated" means heated to a temperature of 155° Fahrenheit or higher for no more than 10 seconds.~~

Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §543-A, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 175, §1, is amended to read:

4. Exemption. Hard cider as defined in Title 28-A, section 2, subsection 12-A is exempt from this section. For purposes of this subsection, "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 "liquor" has the same meaning as in Title 28-A, section 2, subsection 16.