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An Act to Allow Nonalcoholic Sparkling Cider to Be Sold in Maine

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

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec. Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representative: CRAY of Palmyra.

2 3	Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §543-A, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2021, c. 111, §3, is further amended to read:
4 5 6 7 8	4. Exemption. Hard cider is and nonalcoholic carbonated cider labeled as "sparkling cider" are 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.
9	SUMMARY
10 11	This bill exempts nonalcoholic carbonated cider labeled as "sparkling cider" from restrictions on products labeled as cider.

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

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