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**An Act To Prohibit Shelf-stable Products from Being Sold as Cider
and To Amend the Definition for Those Products That Are Heated**

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BLACK of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative HALL of Wilton and
Senator: DILL of Penobscot, Representatives: KINNEY of Knox, O'NEIL of Saco,
PLUECKER of Warren.

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

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

4 **1. Restriction on product labeled as cider.** A person may not sell, advertise, offer
5 or expose for sale any product labeled as "cider" if that product does not require
6 refrigeration from pressing through purchase or has been heated to a temperature of 155°
7 Fahrenheit or higher for more than ~~10~~ 5 seconds.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 Current law prohibits the selling, advertising or offering or exposing for sale any
10 product labeled "cider" if that product has been heated to a temperature of 155° Fahrenheit
11 or higher for more than 10 seconds. This bill adds to the prohibition a product that does
12 not require refrigeration from pressing through purchase. It also, with regard to products
13 that are heated, reduces the duration of the heating to 5 seconds.