

(2) "Alcoholic beverage" includes:

- (i) beer;
- (ii) distilled spirits; and
- (iii) wine.

(d) (1) "Beer" means a brewed alcoholic beverage.

(2) "Beer" includes:

- (i) ale;
- (ii) porter; [and]
- (iii) stout;

(IV) HARD CIDER, AS DEFINED IN § 1-102(A)(9-1) OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

(V) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES THAT CONTAIN:

1. 6% OR LESS ALCOHOL BY VOLUME, DERIVED PRIMARILY FROM THE FERMENTATION OF GRAIN, WITH NOT MORE THAN 49% OF THE BEVERAGE'S OVERALL ALCOHOL CONTENT BY VOLUME OBTAINED FROM FLAVORS AND OTHER ADDED NONBEVERAGE INGREDIENTS CONTAINING ALCOHOL; OR

2. MORE THAN 6% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME, DERIVED PRIMARILY FROM THE FERMENTATION OF GRAIN, WITH NOT MORE THAN 1.5% OF THE BEVERAGE'S OVERALL ALCOHOL CONTENT BY VOLUME OBTAINED FROM FLAVORS AND OTHER ADDED NONBEVERAGE INGREDIENTS CONTAINING ALCOHOL.

[(3) For the purposes of this title, hard cider, as defined in Article 2B, § 1-102(a)(9-1) of the Code, shall be considered as beer in all respects.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 24, 2008.