

**CHAPTER 85**

**(Senate Bill 757)**

AN ACT concerning

**Alcoholic Beverages - Hard Cider**

FOR the purpose of ~~expanding the definition of beer for certain purposes to include hard cider; specifying a certain alcohol content and certain other ingredient of hard cider; making stylistic changes~~ providing that hard cider shall be considered as beer for certain purposes; defining a certain term; and generally relating to hard cider.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 1-102(a)(1)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 1-102(a)(3)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 1-102(a)(9-1)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Tax - General  
Section 5-101(d)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

1-102.

(a) (1) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

(3) (I) "Beer" means any brewed alcoholic beverage ~~¶~~, and includes beer, ale, porter and stout~~‡~~.