

HB 1135 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***1135***

AN ACT relative to the definition of specialty beer.

SPONSORS: Rep. Grill, Hills. 18; Rep. Bouldin, Hills. 25; Rep. J. Sullivan, Graf. 2; Rep. Morse, Graf. 9

COMMITTEE: Commerce and Consumer Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill amends the definition of specialty beer by reducing the threshold level of alcoholic content.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Specialty Beer; Definition. Amend RSA 175:1, LXIV-a to read as follows:

2 LXIV-a. "Specialty beer" means any beer as defined in RSA 175:1, VII intended for human
3 consumption as a beverage, having an alcohol content greater than [6] **0.5** percent but not more than
4 12 percent by volume at 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Specialty beer shall possess the character and
5 flavor of a beer and may contain added ingredients such as, but not limited to, molasses, maple
6 syrup, honey, spices, herbs, fruits, nuts, chocolate, vanilla, or other nonbeverage ingredients.
7 Specialty beer shall not include a caffeinated or stimulant-enhanced malt beverage or flavor. The
8 commission may approve any specialty beer greater than 12 percent alcohol by volume at 60 degrees
9 Fahrenheit. The commission may approve any specialty beer as liquor as defined by RSA 175:1,
10 XLII and shall establish rules for a listing procedure.

11 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.