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Bill Topic: HARD CIDER DEFINITION

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, State Expenditure, State Transfer, TABOR Refund, Local Government, Statutory Public Entity

The bill modifies the maximum alcohol and carbon dioxide content for hard cider. The bill increases state workload in FY 2020-21.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, hard cider must contain between 0.5 percent and 7.0 percent alcohol by volume, and no more than 0.392 grams of carbon dioxide per 100 milliliters. Under the bill, hard cider cannot exceed 8.5 percent alcohol by volume and may not contain more than 0.64 grams of carbon dioxide per 100 milliliters.

State Expenditures

In FY 2020-21, the bill increases workload for the Liquor Enforcement Division in the Department of Revenue to modify brand registration and labeling requirements for hard cider. The increase is expected to be minimal and no change in appropriations is required.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 5, 2020, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2020, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Revenue

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit: leg.colorado.gov/fiscalnotes.