

By Senator Brown-Waite

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to cider; amending s. 564.06,  
F.S.; providing that cider is not considered  
wine for purposes of the limitation on wine  
container size; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 564.06, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

564.06 Excise taxes on wines and beverages.--  
(4) As to cider, which is made from the normal  
alcoholic fermentation of the juice of sound, ripe apples,  
including but not limited to flavored, sparkling, or  
carbonated cider and cider made from condensed apple must,  
that contain not less than one-half of 1 percent of alcohol by  
volume and not more than 7 percent of alcohol by volume, there  
shall be paid by all manufacturers and distributors a tax at  
the rate of \$.89 per gallon. With the sole exception of the  
excise tax rate and the limitation on container size provided  
in s. 564.05, cider shall be considered wine and shall be  
subject to the provisions of this chapter.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Provides that cider will not be considered wine for  
purposes of the limitation on wine container size.