**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 61‑4‑125 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A LICENSED MANUFACTURER OF HARD CIDER OR MEAD TO PROVIDE TASTINGS OF HARD CIDER OR MEAD MANUFACTURED IN THIS STATE ON ITS PREMISES AND UP TO THREE OFF‑SITE LOCATIONS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 4, Title 61 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 61‑4‑125. (A) For the purposes of this section:

(1) ‘Hard cider’ means an alcoholic drink made from fermented crushed fruit, typically apples; and

(2) ‘Mead’ means a fermented beverage made of water, honey, malt, and yeast.

(B) Notwithstanding another provision of law:

(1) a licensed manufacturer of hard cider is authorized to provide tastings of its hard cider manufactured in this State, with or without compensation, on its premises and up to three off‑site locations; and

(2) a licensed manufacturer of mead is authorized to provide tastings of its mead manufactured in this State, with or without compensation, on its premises and up to three off‑site locations.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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