

# Department of Finance and Administration

## Legislative Impact Statement

**Bill: SB348**

**Bill Subtitle: TO ESTABLISH A HARD CIDER MANUFACTURING PERMIT; TO AMEND EXISTING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMITS TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF HARD CIDER; AND TO AMEND PORTIONS OF THE LAW RESULTING FROM INITIATED ACT 1 OF 1942.**

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### **Basic Change :**

**Sponsors: Sen. L. Eads and Rep. Penzo**

SB348 amends Alcoholic Beverage Control permits to include a separate and distinct permitting system for hard cider manufacturing. A person may apply to the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division (ABC) for a permit to manufacture, import, transport, store, and sell to a wholesaler, jobber, distributor, retailer, or consumer hard cider to be used and sold for beverage purposes. Hard cider is currently being sold in State of Arkansas pursuant to a beer or wine permit. A hard cider permit is subject to a fee of \$300 for each manufacturing plant. The permit allows for on-premises or off premises consumption during legal operating hours of hard cider manufactured by the manufacturer. This permit allows tap rooms and tasting events. The manufacturer may operate a restaurant in conjunction with its tap room. This bill also updates Alcoholic Beverage Control enforcement statutes by inserting hard cider as a separate named alcoholic beverage.

### **Revenue Impact :**

No impact of existing state tax revenues. Annual permit fees will be remitted by hard cider manufacturers and by sellers of hard cider at temporary events.

### **Taxpayer Impact :**

Current and future manufacturers of hard cider will remit annual licensing fees and have authority to manufacture and sell hard ciders.

### **Resources Required :**

None.

### **Time Required :**

Adequate time is provided for implementation.

### **Procedural Changes :**

No known procedural changes.

### **Other Comments :**

None.

### **Legal Analysis :**

None.