

Hall of the House of Representatives
95th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2025
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill 1173

TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "BEER" TO CHANGE THE ALLOWABLE ALCOHOLIC
CONTENT AND TO INCLUDE MALT BEVERAGES.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1173

Amend House Bill 1173 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 27 through 34, and substitute the following:

~~"(5)(A) "Malt" means liquor brewed from the fermented juices of grain and containing more than five percent (5%) of alcohol by weight.~~

~~(B) Beer containing not more than five percent (5%) of alcohol by weight and all other malt beverages containing not more than five percent (5%) of alcohol by weight are not defined as "malt liquors" and are excepted from each and every provision of this act;~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 3-1-102(a), concerning definitions under the alcoholic beverage laws, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(11)(A) "Malt beverage" means liquor brewed from the fermented juices of grain and having an alcoholic content of at least five percent (5%) but not more than twenty-one percent (21%) by weight.

(B) "Malt beverage" includes:

(i) Beer containing not more than fourteen percent (14%) of alcohol by weight; and

(ii) All other malt beverages containing not more than fourteen percent (14%) of alcohol by weight."

AND



Page 2, line 13, delete "or any" and substitute "or ~~any~~ a malt"

AND

Page 3, line 21, delete "or any" and substitute "or ~~any~~ a malt"

AND

Page 3, line 30, delete "or any" and substitute "or ~~any~~ a malt"

AND

Page 4, line 2, delete "or any" and substitute "or ~~any~~ a malt"

AND

Page 4, line 11, delete "or a" and substitute "or a malt"

AND

Page 4, line 28, delete "or any" and substitute "or ~~any~~ a malt"

AND

Page 5, line 2, delete "or any" and substitute "or a malt"

AND

Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative M. Brown
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