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Introduced by Sens. VALESKY, KLEIN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the alcoholic beverage control law, in relation to promoting economic development by expanding products sold by farm cideries and authorizing such cideries to sell cider to other licensees

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 3-a of section 58 of the
2 alcoholic beverage control law, as added by chapter 384 of the laws of
3 2013, is amended to read as follows:
4 (a) sell such cider to licensed farm distillers, DISTILLERS, farm
5 wineries, WINERIES, farm cideries [and], CIDERIES, farm breweries AND
6 BREWERIES. All such cider sold by the licensee shall be securely sealed
7 and have attached thereto a label as shall be required by section one
8 hundred seven-a of this chapter;
9 S 2. Paragraphs (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of subdivision 2 of section
10 58-c of the alcoholic beverage control law, as added by chapter 384 of
11 the laws of 2013, are amended to read as follows:
12 (c) sell cider manufactured by the licensee to wholesalers and retail-
13 ers licensed in this state to sell such cider, TO licensed farm distil-
14 lers, LICENSED DISTILLERS, licensed farm wineries, LICENSED WINERIES,
15 licensed farm breweries, LICENSED BREWERIES and any other licensed farm
16 cidery OR LICENSED CIDERY. All such cider sold by the licensee shall be
17 securely sealed and have attached thereto a label as shall be required
18 by section one hundred seven-a of this chapter;
19 (d) sell at the licensed premises cider manufactured by the licensee
20 or any other licensed farm cidery, OR ANY NEW YORK STATE LABELED CIDER
21 at retail for consumption on or off the licensed premises;

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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(e) conduct tastings at the licensed premises of cider manufactured by the licensee or any other licensed farm cidery, OR ANY NEW YORK STATE LABELED CIDER;

(f) sell and conduct tastings of cider manufactured by the licensee or any other licensed farm cidery, OR ANY NEW YORK STATE LABELED CIDER at retail for consumption on the premises of a restaurant, conference center, inn, bed and breakfast or hotel business owned and operated by the licensee in or adjacent to its farm cidery. A licensee who operates a restaurant, conference center, inn, bed and breakfast or hotel pursuant to such authority shall comply with all applicable provisions of this chapter which relate to licenses to sell cider at retail for consumption on the premises;

(g) sell cider manufactured by the licensee or any other licensed farm cidery, OR ANY NEW YORK STATE LABELED CIDER at retail for consumption off the premises, at the state fair, at recognized county fairs and at farmers markets operated on a not-for-profit basis;

S 3. Subdivision 5 of section 58-c of the alcoholic beverage control law, as added by chapter 384 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

5. A licensed farm cidery may, under such rules as may be adopted by the authority, sell cider manufactured by the licensee or any other licensed farm cidery, OR ANY NEW YORK STATE LABELED CIDER at retail in bulk by the keg, cask or barrel for consumption and not for resale at a clam-bake, barbeque, picnic, outing or other similar outdoor gathering at which more than fifty persons are assembled.

S 4. Paragraphs (b) and (e) of subdivision 7 of section 58-c of the alcoholic beverage control law, as added by chapter 384 of the laws of 2013, are amended to read as follows:

(b) food items for the purpose of complementing cider tastings, which shall mean a diversified selection of food that is ordinarily consumed without the use of tableware and can be conveniently consumed while standing or walking. Such food items shall include but not be limited to: cheeses, fruits, vegetables, chocolates, breads, BAKED GOODS, mustards and crackers;

(e) cider-making equipment and supplies including, but not limited to, APPLES, APPLE JUICE, OTHER POME FRUITS, OTHER POME FRUIT JUICES, home cider-making kits, PRESSES, PUMPS, filters, YEASTS, CHEMICALS AND OTHER CIDER ADDITIVES, bottling equipment, BOTTLES, CIDER STORAGE AND FERMENTING VESSELS, BARRELS, and books or other written material to assist cider-makers and home cider-makers to produce and bottle cider;

S 5. Subdivision 13 of section 58-c of the alcoholic beverage control law, as added by chapter 384 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

13. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the authority may issue a farm cidery license to the holder of a farm brewery, BREWERY, farm winery [or], WINERY, farm distiller's OR DISTILLER'S license for use at such licensee's existing licensed premises. The holder of a farm brewery, BREWERY, farm winery [or], WINERY, farm distiller's OR DISTILLER'S license that simultaneously holds a farm cidery license on an adjacent premises may share and use the same tasting room facilities to conduct any tastings that such licensee is otherwise authorized to conduct.

S 6. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 7-b of section 3 of the alcoholic beverage control law, as amended by chapter 384 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

1 (a) "Cider" means the partially or fully fermented juice of fresh,
2 whole apples or other pome fruits, containing more than three and two-
3 tenths per centum but not more than eight and one-half per centum alco-
4 hol by volume: (i) to which nothing has been added to increase the alco-
5 holic content produced by natural fermentation; and (ii) with the usual
6 cellar treatments and necessary additions to correct defects due to
7 climate, [saccharine] SUGAR levels and seasonal conditions. Nothing
8 contained in this subdivision shall be deemed to preclude the use of
9 such methods or materials as may be necessary to encourage a normal
10 alcoholic fermentation and to make a product that is free of microbi-
11 ological activity at the time of sale. Cider may be sweetened or
12 flavored after fermentation with fruit juice, fruit juice concentrate,
13 sugar, maple syrup, honey, spices or other agricultural products, sepa-
14 rately or in combination. Cider may contain retained or added carbon
15 dioxide.

16 S 7. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
17 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediate-
18 ly, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation
19 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are
20 authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such
21 effective date.