

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 79**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act FURTHER DEFINING TYPES OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “Farmer-winery” the  
3 following definition:—

4 “Flavored malt beverages”, any malt beverages that contain natural flavoring materials  
5 containing fruits, flowers, herbs, vegetables, plants or pure juices therefrom, or containing  
6 extracts derived from infusions, percolations, or maceration of such materials, that contain  
7 alcohol primarily obtained as the result of fermentation and that derive not more than one-half of  
8 one per cent of their overall alcohol content by weight from alcohol added through the use of  
9 such flavoring materials.

10 SECTION 2. Section 1 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000  
11 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in the definition of “Malt beverages” after the  
12 word “weight” the following words:— and shall include flavored malt beverages as defined in  
13 this section.