

**One Hundred Third Legislature - Second Session - 2014**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB899**

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**Chairperson: Senator Russ Karpisek**

**Committee: General Affairs**

**Date of Hearing: February 03, 2014**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 899 is intended to create a definition for hard cider that would reclassify it as beer. The Nebraska Liquor Control Commission requested this change in classification in response to a revival of the hard cider market in the United States. Currently, hard cider is sold in a manner similar to beer and has an alcohol content similar to beer, but because hard cider is manufactured through a fermentation process involving fruit juice, it is classified as wine.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Russ Karpisek**