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## Assembly Bill No. 205

## CHAPTER 60

An act to amend Section 23006 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to alcoholic beverages.

[Approved by Governor July 09, 2019. Filed with Secretary of State July 09, 2019.]

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 205, Daly. Alcoholic beverages: beer.

Existing law defines "beer" for purposes of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act as any alcoholic beverage obtained by the fermentation of any infusion or decoction of barley, malt, hops, or any other similar product, or any combination thereof in water.

This bill would revise the definition of "beer" for purposes of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act to provide that beer may be produced using honey, fruit, fruit juice, fruit concentrate, herbs, spices, and other food materials, as adjuncts in fermentation.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: no Local Program: no

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 23006 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

23006. "Beer" means any alcoholic beverage obtained by the fermentation of any infusion or decoction of barley, malt, hops, or any other similar product, or any combination thereof in water, and includes ale, porter, brown, stout, lager beer, small beer, and strong beer, but does not include sake, known as Japanese rice wine. Beer may be produced using the following materials as adjuncts in fermentation: honey, fruit, fruit juice, fruit concentrate, herbs, spices, and other food materials. Beer aged in an empty wooden barrel previously used to contain wine or distilled spirits shall be defined exclusively as "beer" and shall not be considered a dilution or mixture of any other alcoholic beverage.