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119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove the differentiation between mead and low alcohol by volume wine for purposes of the tax imposed on wines.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Ms. SALINAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Bubble Tax Mod-  
5       ernization Act of 2025”.

1   **SEC. 2. REMOVING DIFFERENTIATION BETWEEN MEAD AND**  
2                   **LOW ALCOHOL BY VOLUME WINE.**

3           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5041(h) of the Internal  
4 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

5           “(h) LOW ALCOHOL BY VOLUME WINE.—

6                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of sub-  
7 sections (a) and (b)(1), low alcohol by volume wine  
8 shall be deemed to be still wines containing not more  
9 than 16 percent of alcohol by volume.

10                   “(2) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this sec-  
11 tion, the term ‘low alcohol by volume wine’ means a  
12 wine—

13                           “(A) containing not more than 0.64 gram  
14 of carbon dioxide per hundred milliliters of  
15 wine, except that the Secretary may by regula-  
16 tions prescribe such tolerances to this limitation  
17 as may be reasonably necessary in good com-  
18 mercial practice, and

19                           “(B) which contains less than 8.5 percent  
20 alcohol by volume.”.

21           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
22 this section shall apply to wine removed after December  
23 31, 2025.