

HOUSE BILL 2359

By Hawk

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-207, relative to wineries.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-207(r)(3)(B), is amended by deleting the language "that has a total annual wine production of fifty thousand gallons (50,000 gals.) or less" and substituting instead the language "that manufactures at their licensed facility fifty thousand gallons (50,000 gals.) or less of wine each calendar year".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-207(r)(5), is amended by deleting the last sentence of subdivision (A) and deleting subdivision (B).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-207(r), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

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(A) Wineries that manufacture at their licensed facility more than fifty thousand gallons (50,000 gals.) of wine during a calendar year, and farm wine producers that produce more than fifty thousand gallons (50,000 gals.) of wine during a calendar year, that operate a satellite facility shall obtain wine provided at their satellite facilities from a wholesaler licensed pursuant to § 57-3-203. The wholesaler may permit the winery or farm wine producer to transport wine from the winery or the farm to its satellite facilities; provided, that the wholesaler includes the amounts delivered in its inventory, reports depletions for purposes of tax collection, and is responsible for the payment of taxes on such depletions.

(B) Wineries that manufacture at their licensed facility fifty thousand gallons (50,000 gals.) or less of wine each calendar year, and farm wine

producers that produce fifty thousand gallons (50,000 gals.) or less of wine each calendar year, are not required to obtain wine provided at their satellite facilities from a wholesaler. Wineries may transport wine from their wineries to their satellite facilities. Wineries may transport wine made from produce from farm wine producers to the producers' satellite facilities. Farm wine producers may transport wine from their farm to their satellite facilities.

(C) Wine sold for consumption on the premises at the satellite facilities are subject to the same taxation as wine sold for consumption on the premises at the winery or on the premises of the farm wine producer.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-207, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(w) Wholesalers utilized by wineries or farm wine producers may permit wineries and farm wine producers to transport their products for sale; provided, that the wholesaler permitting such direct shipment shall include the amounts delivered in its inventory, report depletions for purposes of tax collection, and be responsible for the payment of taxes on such depletions.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.