



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 236

HOUSE BILL NO. 411

By Representatives Curtis Johnson, Whitson

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 497

By Senators Stevens, Bailey, Bowling, Hensley, Jackson, Rose, Taylor, Walley, White

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, Chapter 3 and Title 57, Chapter 5, relative to alcohol.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-101(a)(25), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead:

(25) "Wine" means the product of the normal alcoholic fermentation of the juice of dried or fresh, sound, ripe grapes, fruit, or other agricultural products, with the usual cellar treatment and necessary additions to correct defects due to climatic, saccharine, and seasonal conditions, including champagne, sparkling, and fortified wine of an alcoholic content not to exceed twenty-one percent (21%) by volume. No other product may be called "wine" unless designated by appropriate prefixes descriptive of the fruit or other product from which the same was predominantly produced, or as an artificial or imitation wine; and

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-5-101(b), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead:

(b) For purposes of this title, "beer" means products made from the normal alcoholic fermentation of malt or other cereal grains, sugar, or fruit ingredients used to make cider, and having an alcoholic content of not more than eight percent (8%) alcohol by weight and that do not contain distilled spirits or wine as defined in § 57-3-101; provided, that at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the overall alcoholic content by weight in the finished product is obtained by the fermentation of malt, other cereal grains, sugar, or fruit ingredients used to make cider, and no more than forty-nine percent (49%) of the overall alcoholic content by weight in the finished product is obtained by the addition of flavorings or other non-beverage ingredients containing alcohol.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-802(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead:

(2) "Wine" means the product of the normal alcoholic fermentation of the juice of dried or fresh, sound, ripe grapes, fruit, or other agricultural products, with the usual cellar treatment and necessary additions to correct defects due to climatic, saccharine, and seasonal conditions, including champagne and sparkling and fortified wine of an alcoholic content not to exceed eighteen percent (18%) by volume. No other product may be called "wine" unless designated by appropriate prefixes descriptive of the fruit or other product from which the same was predominantly produced, or as an artificial or imitation wine.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 30, 2023



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR