

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

The Texas wine industry is growing in popularity in Texas, both in the production of Texas wines and in the tourism business. Unlike other states, such as California, Texas law does not allow wineries to charge for wine samplings at the wineries. This bill allows wineries to conduct wine samplings and tastings on permitted premises and to collect a fee for the sampling.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 3176 sets forth provisions regarding wine sampling on the premises of a holder of a winery permit.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 16.01, Alcoholic Beverage Code, by adding Subsection (e), to authorize a holder of a winery permit to dispense wine for consumption on the premises of the winery under Section 16.07.

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 16, Alcoholic Beverage Code, by adding Section 16.07, as follows:

Sec. 16.07. WINE SAMPLING. Outlines the process of conducting wine samplings for a holder of a wine permit and other authorized persons. Provides that the holder of a permit during the sampling of wine under this section is not the holder of a permit to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption and is not considered to have received any revenue from the on-premises sale of alcoholic beverages.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.