

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Many wineries in Texas are located in dry counties that prohibit wineries from selling wine on premises for consumption off premises. The only method for such wineries to market their products is through wholesalers and distributors. This process is inefficient for small wineries, because wholesalers and distributors focus on products that offer them the greatest profit. H. B. 627 allows a winery located in a dry county to sell wine on premises for consumption off premises under specified conditions.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 16.05(b), Alcoholic Beverage Code, to authorize certain permittees, if the premises are in a dry area, to sell wine in this state to certain consumers.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.