

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law authorizes wineries to serve only wine on the premises. However, wineries in Texas are visited for reasons other than the tasting and buying wines. Many wineries have restaurants on-site or host receptions for various events at which food is served.

As proposed, S.B. 1596 authorizes the holder of a winery permit to also hold a wine and beer retailer's or mixed beverage permit or a retail dealer's on-premise license, if the winery is located in a wet area and food is served with the beverages.

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 16.01, Alcoholic Beverage Code, by adding Subsection (f), to authorize the holder of a winery permit to hold a wine and beer retailer's or mixed beverage permit or a retail dealer's on-premise license, if the winery is in an area that is wet for the types of beverages provided under the relevant permit or license, and beverages other than wine are provided only during the service of food to the customer.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2005.