

## **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.

C.S.S.B. 1596 authorizes the holder of a winery permit to sell and serve beer, if the winery is located in an area that is wet for beer, and food is served with the beer. The bill also allows the holder of a winery permit to contract with the holder of a caterer's permit for service by the caterer of mixed beverages and food at an event on the winery premises.

### **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 Subsections (f), (g), and (h), as follows:

(f) Authorizes the holder of a winery permit to sell and serve beer, if the winery is in an area that is wet for beer, and beer is provided only during the service of food to the customer.

(g) Provides that, for the purposes of provisions of this code governing the sale or purchase of beer, the purchase by a winery of beer for service under Subsection (f) is considered to be a purchase by a holder of a retail dealer's on-premise license.

(h) Authorizes the holder of a winery permit to contract with the holder of a caterer's permit for service by the caterer of mixed beverages and food at an event on the winery premises.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2005.