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**Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor**

This measure may be considered for action during today's work session.

**SENATE BILL 259**

**Revises provisions relating to alcoholic beverages. (BDR 52-676)**

**Sponsored By:** Senator Dondero Loop  
**Date Heard:** March 29, 2023  
**Fiscal Notes:** Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

Senate Bill 259 deletes provisions limiting the amount of wine that a winery licensed on or before September 2015 may sell at a location other than on the premises of the winery. The bill authorizes a winery licensed on or after October 1, 2015, to sell or serve its wine at one location other than on the premises of the winery if the winery uses more than 25 percent of fruit grown or honey produced within the State. If a winery uses less than 25 percent of fruit grown or honey produced within this State, the bill increases from 1,000 to 2,000 the number of cases sold or served at the winery or one other location and additionally authorizes such winery to sell or serve not more than 150 barrels of cider produced by the winery per calendar year.

In addition, the bill revises existing provisions authorizing the State Board of Agriculture to adopt certain regulations ensuring that a winery is in compliance with federal law, to require the Board to adopt such regulations, as well as to create a certification for wine produced, blended, or aged from fruit grown or honey produced in this State.

Further, the bill revises provisions that govern the process when a board of county commissioners or the governing body of a city may recommend to the Department of Taxation the suspension or revocation of the license of a brew pub, instructional wine-making facility, craft distillery, or estate distillery, to include that such a decision or the decision to dismiss a complaint must be rendered within 60 days after a citation is served upon a licensee.

**Amendments:**

Alfredo Alonso, Principial, Lewis Rocca, proposes the following amendment (attached):

1. Amend subsection 2 of Section 1 to retain the language proposed to be deleted by this bill, which provides that wine sold at the second location may not exceed 50 percent of the total wine sold by the winery.

Amendment to S.B. 259

Submitted by Alfredo Alonso

Section 1. NRS 597.240 is hereby amended to read as follows: 597.240 A winery, including a winery that consists of multiple noncontiguous locations, that is federally bonded and permitted by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau of the United States Department of the Treasury, including, without limitation, an alternating proprietorship of not more than four such wineries, and that has been issued a wine-maker's license for each noncontiguous location of the winery pursuant to NRS 369.200 9 may:

(a) Produce, bottle, blend and age wine.

(b) Import wine or juice from a winery that is located in another state and that is federally bonded and permitted by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, to be fermented into wine or, if already fermented, to be mixed with other wine or aged in a suitable cellar, or both.

2. A winery that has been issued a wine-maker's license pursuant to NRS 369.200 on or before September 30, 2015, may:

(a) Sell at retail or serve by the glass, on its premises and at one other location, wine produced, blended or aged by the winery. **{The amount of wine sold at a location other than on the premises of the winery may not exceed 50 percent of the total volume of the wine sold by the winery.}**

(b) Serve by the glass, on its premises, any alcoholic beverage.

(c) Transfer in bulk wine produced, blended or aged by the winery: