

Committee Action:
Do Pass _____
Amend & Do Pass _____
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Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor

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

SENATE BILL 259 (R1)

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

Sponsored By: Senator Dondero Loop, et al.
Date Heard: May 8, 2023
Fiscal Notes: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

Senate Bill 259 authorizes a winery, licensed on or after October 1, 2015, to sell or serve its wine at one other location other than on the premises of the winery. For a winery that 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 of wine sold or served at the winery, or one other location, and additionally authorizes such a winery to sell or serve not more than 150 barrels of cider produced by the winery per calendar year. In addition, the bill authorizes the State Board of Agriculture to create a certification for wine produced, blended, or aged from fruit grown or honey produced in this State, based on an applicant winery's federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau filings.

Further, the bill revises provisions that govern the process for 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: There are no proposed amendments.