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H.B. No. 1957

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the labeling of wine as originating from an area of this state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 101, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended by adding Section 101.673 to read as follows:

Sec. 101.673. USE OF TEXAS APPELLATION OF ORIGIN: AMERICAN VITICULTURAL AREA OR COUNTY. (a) In this section, "American viticultural area" has the meaning assigned by 27 C.F.R. Section 4.25.

(b) A wine that is otherwise entitled to an appellation of origin indicating the wine's origin is an American viticultural area located in this state under federal law or a county within the boundaries of this state may use that appellation only if the wine is:

(1) 100 percent by volume fermented juice of grapes or other fruit grown in this state, subject to the requirements of federal law, not less than 90 percent of which is derived from grapes grown within the boundaries of the labeled American viticultural area or county; and

(2) fully produced in this state.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a wine labeled on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.