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H.B. No. 2620

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the treatment of wineries during a state of disaster or emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 16, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended by adding Section 16.13 to read as follows:

Sec. 16.13. STATE OF DISASTER OR EMERGENCY.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a winery shall be treated in the same manner as a restaurant for any order, proclamation, regulation, or directive issued by the governor or a local governmental body that relates to the operation of an alcoholic beverage establishment during a state of disaster or local state of disaster declared under Chapter 418, Government Code, or a state of emergency proclaimed under Chapter 433, Government Code.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.