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H.B. No. 3015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to production requirements for holders of winery permits;
3 establishing minimum annual production requirements for permit
4 holders.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 16, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended
7 by adding Section 16.012 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 16.012. PRODUCTION REQUIREMENTS. (a) The holder of a
9 winery permit must produce, bottle, or blend at least 200 gallons of
10 wine or fruit brandy annually beginning in the 12-month period
11 preceding the third anniversary of the date the winery's original
12 permit is issued.

13 (a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the holder of a
14 winery permit issued before September 1, 2015, must produce,
15 bottle, or blend at least 200 gallons of wine or fruit brandy
16 annually beginning in the 12-month period preceding September 1,
17 2018. This subsection expires September 1, 2019.

18 (b) The winery activities required by this section may be
19 done through an agreement authorized by Section 16.05 or through an
20 agreement with another winery in this state for a bottling brand
21 under an Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau Basic Permit trade
22 name application.

23 (c) Failure to comply with this section constitutes grounds
24 to cancel or suspend a winery permit or deny an application for

1 renewal of a winery permit.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.