

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2022
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Licensing & Administrative Procedures
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Recent reports indicate that the market for cider products, which are classified as wine for certain regulatory purposes, has increased substantially over the last few years. Interested parties are concerned that additional growth has been limited by the maximum capacity of a container in which a person may legally sell wine to a retail dealer. H.B. 2022 seeks to address this issue.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 2022 amends the Alcoholic Beverage Code to increase from eight gallons to 15.5 gallons the maximum capacity of a container in which a person may sell wine to a retail dealer.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2015.