

- SUBJECT:** Allowing sale of dessert-flavored and rice wine by certain permit holders
- COMMITTEE:** Licensing and Administrative Procedures — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 8 ayes — T. King, Goldman, Harless, Herrero, K. King, Kuempel, Paddie, S. Thompson
- 0 nays
- 3 absent — Geren, Guillen, Hernandez
- WITNESSES:** For — Jim Andrews, Wasabe Beverages; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Cheri Huddleston, Southern Glazer's; Rebecca Robinson, Texas Restaurant Association; Tyler Rudd, Wine Institute)
- Against — None
- On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Thomas Graham and Bentley Nettles, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission)
- BACKGROUND:** Alcoholic Beverage Code sec. 25.01 allows holders of wine and beer retailer permits to sell traditional port or sherry with an alcohol volume of one-half of one percent up to 24 percent for on-premise consumption.
- Sec. 28.01 authorizes holders of mixed beverage permits to buy wine, beer, ale, and malt liquor with alcohol of up to 21 percent by volume from those permitted or licensed to sell those beverages for resale.
- DIGEST:** CSHB 2016 would add dessert-flavored wine and rice wine to the types of alcohol that could be sold by wine and beer retailers for on-premise consumption. It would increase from 21 percent to 24 percent the volume of alcohol that could be in the wine, beer, ale, and malt liquor that holders of mixed beverage permits could purchase.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.