

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Concerns have been raised that certain restrictions applicable to a wine and beer retailer's permit and mixed beverage permit prevent the sale of dessert-flavored wine or rice wine and that these restrictions lead to confusion for consumers who are able to buy similar products at the same premises with similar alcohol content. H.B. 2016 seeks to address this issue by providing for the sale of these wines under a wine and beer retailer's permit or mixed beverage permit.

H.B. 2016 amends current law relating to the sale of certain wine by the holder of a wine and beer retailer's permit or mixed beverage permit.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 25.01, Alcoholic Beverage Code, to include dessert-flavored wine and rice wine, in addition to traditional port or sherry, in a list of beverages containing alcohol in excess of one-half of one percent by volume and not more than 24 percent by volume that the holder of a wine and beer retailer's permit is authorized to sell for consumption on the premises and to make nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 28.01(c), Alcoholic Beverage Code, to authorize the holder of a mixed beverage permit to purchase wine, beer, ale, and malt liquor containing alcohol of not more than 24 percent by volume, rather than not more than 21 percent by volume, in containers of any legal size from any permittee or licensee authorized to sell those beverages for resale.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2019.