
HOUSE BILL 1812

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By Representatives Newhouse, Conway, Chandler, Moeller, and Sullivan
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1 AN ACT Relating to wine labels; and amending RCW 66.28.110.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.28.110 and 1939 c 172 s 4 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) Every person producing, manufacturing, bottling, or
6 distributing wine shall put upon all packages a distinctive label
7 (~~((such as))~~) that will provide the consumer with adequate information as
8 to the identity and quality of the product, the alcoholic content
9 thereof, the net contents of the package, the name of the producer,
10 manufacturer, or bottler thereof, and such other information as the
11 board may by (~~((regulation))~~) rule prescribe.

12 (2) Subject to subsection (3) of this section:

13 (a) If the appellation of origin claimed or implied anywhere on a
14 wine label is "Washington," then ninety-five percent of the grapes used
15 in the production of the wine must have been grown in Washington.

16 (b) If the appellation of origin claimed or implied anywhere on a
17 wine label is "Washington" and the name of an American viticultural
18 area located wholly within Washington, then ninety-five percent of the

1 grapes used in the production of the wine must have been grown in
2 Washington.

3 (c) If the appellation of origin claimed or implied anywhere on a
4 wine label is "Washington" and the name of an American viticultural
5 area located within both Washington and an adjoining state, then
6 ninety-five percent of the grapes used in the production of the wine
7 must have been grown within the defined boundaries of that American
8 viticultural area.

9 (3) Upon evidence of material damage, destruction, disease, or
10 other loss to one or more vineyards in any American viticultural area,
11 region, subregion, or other discrete area, the director of the
12 department of agriculture must notify the board and the board may
13 suspend the requirements of subsection (2) of this section with respect
14 to the adversely affected area for such period of time as the board
15 reasonably may determine.

16 (4) For purposes of this section, "American viticultural area" is
17 a delimited grape growing region distinguishable by geographical
18 features, the boundaries of which have been recognized and defined by
19 the federal alcohol and trade tax bureau and recognized by the board.

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