Commerce & Gaming Committee

HB 1672

Brief Description: Allowing recorking wine at wineries and tasting rooms.

Sponsors: Representatives Steele, Kirby, Rude, Jenkin, Eslick and Doglio.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Allows customers to remove recorked wine, purchased for on-premises consumption, from domestic wineries and tasting rooms.

Hearing Date: 2/5/19

Staff: Kyle Raymond (786-7190).

Background:

The Liquor & Cannabis Board issues a domestic winery license that authorizes in state wine manufacturing.

A domestic winery is authorized to distribute and sell the wine it produces for retail, and licensees must comply with applicable wine distribution and retail laws and rules. During an event held by a nonprofit with a special occasion license, a domestic winery licensee is authorized to take orders and accept payment for the wine it produces during events. Also, a domestic winery may obtain an endorsement to sell its wine at a qualifying farmers' market for off-premises consumption.

Summary of Bill:

A customer of a licensed domestic winery may remove any unused portion of wine from the premises of the winery or tasting room, provided the wine is: (1) recapped or recorked; (2) in its original container; and (3) purchased for on-premises consumption.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.