

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1672

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Synopsis as Enacted

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

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

House Committee on Commerce & Gaming
Senate Committee on Labor & Commerce

Background:

The Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) issues various types of commercial liquor licenses, including those for beer or wine specialty shops, wineries, microbreweries, domestic breweries, restaurants, and nightclubs.

Restaurant Liquor Licenses.

There are two licenses for the retail sale of liquor at restaurant and clubs, which include:

- the beer or wine restaurant license authorizing the sale of beer, strong beer, and wine for on premises consumption; and
- the spirits, beer, and wine restaurant license authorizing the sale of spirits, beer, and wine for on premises consumption, including mixed drinks and cocktails compounded or mixed on the premises.

A customer of a restaurant liquor licensee may remove any unused portion of wine from the restaurant premises if the wine is recapped or recorked, in its original container, and purchased for on-premises consumption.

Domestic Winery Liquor License.

The LCB 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.

Separate from a winery's production or manufacturing sites, a domestic winery may operate up to four additional locations from which the winery may serve samples of its own products, sell wine of its own production at retail, and sell wines of its own production in kegs or sanitary containers for off-premises consumption.

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Summary:

A customer of a licensed domestic winery may remove any unused portion of wine from the premises of the winery or tasting room if the wine is recapped or recorked, in its original container, and purchased for on-premises consumption.

The authorization for a customer to remove recapped or recorked wine from the premises of a licensed restaurant also applies to sake. Any unused portion of sake must be recapped or recorked in its original container to be removed from the restaurant licensee's premises.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	95	0	
Senate	47	0	(Senate amended)
House	94	0	(House concurred)

Effective: July 28, 2019