

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1812

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WINE LABELS

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Yeas 90 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Yeas 45 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Approved May 7, 2009, 2:53 p.m.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1812** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BARBARA BAKER

Chief Clerk

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May 8, 2009

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Newhouse, Conway, Chandler, Moeller, and Sullivan)

READ FIRST TIME 02/23/09.

1 AN ACT Relating to wine labels; amending RCW 66.28.110; and
2 creating a new section.

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

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

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

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

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

18 (b) If the appellation of origin claimed or implied anywhere on a
19 wine label is "Washington" and the name of an American viticultural

1 area located wholly within Washington, then at least ninety-five
2 percent of the grapes used in the production of the wine must have been
3 grown in Washington.

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

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

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

21 (5) This section does not apply to wines that are produced with the
22 addition of wine spirits, brandy, or alcohol.

23 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act applies to wine made from grapes
24 harvested after December 31, 2009.

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