

Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Article V
Proposed Rider Amendment
Winery Permit Study

Overview

Amend Rider 16, Winery Permit Study, to include information on permit holders that manufacture other types of alcohol and the economic benefits of allowing those permit holders to sell wine.

Required Action

1. On page V-5, amend the following rider to the bill pattern of the Alcoholic Beverage Commission:

- _____ **Winery Permit Study.** Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Licensing, the Alcoholic Beverage Commission shall conduct a study, in coordination with the Texas Department of Agriculture, of the privileges granted to winery permits issued under Chapter 16 of the Alcoholic Beverage Code, including:
- a. the issuance of permits to persons that do not grow grapes and manufacture wine from those grapes, including separate information on holders of other permits that manufacture alcohol;
 - b. the activities permit holders are authorized to engage in and how such authority fits within Texas' three tier system;
 - c. the feasibility of creating a separate permit specifically for persons that grow grapes and manufacture wine from those grapes;
 - d. how other state license wineries and the activities those wineries are authorized to engage in, as compared to Texas; ~~and~~
 - e. the economic benefits of allowing wine sales by other alcohol manufacturing licensees; and
 - f. how state agencies support and market the different types of wineries.

The Commission shall prepare and submit to the Legislature no later than December 1, 2024, a report containing the findings of the study and other information the Commission believes the Legislature may find useful in analyzing the current winery permit structure, the creation of new permits related to wine, and the distribution of authority among such permits.