

April 3, 2001

**S 823. PROMOTING NC GRAPE AND WINE INDUSTRY. TO PROMOTE THE NORTH CAROLINA GRAPE AND WINE INDUSTRY.** Amends GS 18B-1001 to permit issuance of wine-tasting permit, which may be issued to any business with an off-premises unfortified wine permit. Amends GS 18B-1101 to permit holders of unfortified winery permits to do the following: (1) receive in closed containers and sell and distribute unfortified wine produced outside North Carolina under the winery's label from grapes grown by the winery, but only during the winery's first three years of operation or when its grapes have suffered substantial damage from catastrophic grape crop loss; (2) conduct wine tastings at the winery (with the appropriate permit); (3) sell the winery's wine for wine-tastings at two other locations in NC; (4) obtain and use an unfortified wine wholesale permit for wine manufactured at the winery, if the winery annually sells no more than 350,000 gallons of unfortified wine manufactured by it at winery. Amends GS 18B-1114.1(a) to permit holder of unfortified winery or limited winery holding special event permit to sell its wine by the glass at trade shows, conventions, shopping malls, wine or street festivals, holiday festivals, agricultural festivals and similar events (now may only sell wine in closed containers at such events). Adds new GS 18B-1114.3 authorizing a wine grower permit, which authorizes holder to ship grapes grown on land owned by it in North Carolina to winery for manufacture and bottling of unfortified wine and receive the wine back, to sell and distribute the wine to wholesalers, and to hold and use a wine-tasting permit. Amends GS 18B-303(a) to allow a person to purchase up to 50 liters (now, 20 liters) of unfortified wine without a permit.

**Intro. by Rand.**

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April 19, 2001

**S 823. PROMOTING NC GRAPE AND WINE INDUSTRY.** Intro. 4/3/01. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Permits holder of unfortified winery permit to sell wine for on- or off- premises consumption at no more than three (originally, two) locations; and redefines which unfortified winery permit holders may obtain unfortified wine wholesale permit, to restrict to wineries that annually sell, to persons other than exporters and nonresident wholesalers when purchase not for resale in NC, no more than 300,000 gallons of unfortified wine manufactured at winery. Adds annual fee of \$300 for wine grower permit, which is for farming establishment of at least 10 acres committed to production of grapes for manufacture of unfortified wine.

June 4, 2001

**S 823. PROMOTING NC GRAPE AND WINE INDUSTRY.** Intro. 4/3/01. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. (1) Requires that wine tastings be conducted and supervised by the permittee; (2) allows winery representatives to assist in manner consistent with existing law; (3) requires that Comm'n rules assure that the tastings are not used by industry members for unlawful inducements to retail permit holders and do not violate existing rules; (4) provides that any food business is eligible for a wine-tasting permit; (5) rewrites GS 18B-902(d), to establish a \$100.00 application fee for a wine tasting permit; (6) rewrites new definition of "wine grower" to reduce the minimum size of the farming establishment from ten to five acres; (7) rewrites GS 18B-1100 to authorize the Comm'n to issue wine grower permits; and (8) rewrites GS 18B-1002(a)(5) to allow the issuance of special one-time permits under that subdivision to units of local government as well as to a nonprofit or political organizations.

June 11, 2001

**S 823. PROMOTING NC GRAPE AND WINE INDUSTRY.** Intro. 4/3/01. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Makes technical changes only.

June 18, 2001

**S 823. PROMOTING NC GRAPE AND WINE INDUSTRY.** Intro. 4/3/01. House amendments make the following changes to 4th edition. Amendment # 1 adds provision to GS 18B-1001(15) that except for the purposes of this subsection, the holder of a wine-tasting permit shall not be

construed to hold a permit for on-premises sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages. Amendment # 2 adds provision to GS 18B-1001(15) to permit grape grower to assist with tastings, amends GS 18B-1114.1(a) to authorize wine grower to obtain winery special event permit, and amends GS 18B-114.3(a)(2) to permit holder of wine grower permit to sell, deliver, and ship unfortified wine in closed containers to wholesalers licensed under this Chapter.

July 9, 2001

**SL 2001-262 (S 823). PROMOTING NC GRAPE AND WINE INDUSTRY. AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE NORTH CAROLINA GRAPE AND WINE INDUSTRY.** Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 4/3/01, 4/19/01, 6/4/01, 6/11/01, and 6/18/01. Enacted July 4, 2001. Effective July 4, 2001.