Hall of the House of Representatives

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Subtitle of House Bill 1476

TO AMEND THE DIRECT SHIPMENT OF VINOUS LIQUOR ACT; AND TO ESTABLISH A WINE DIRECT SHIPPER LICENSE.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1476

Amend House Bill 1476 as originally introduced:

Page 2, delete lines 12 and 13, and substitute the following:

"(d) A wine direct shipper licensee may ship vinous liquor that is registered with the division directly to a resident in a wet county as provided in § 3-5-1705.

(e) A winery, a supplier, or an importer shall submit to the division an Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau Certificate of Label Approval for:

(1) Each brand of vinous liquor; and

(2) Each brand label extension of vinous liquor to be shipped for the first time by the wine direct shipper licensee into or within the state."

AND

Page 3, delete lines 13 through 19, and substitute the following:

"(b) A winery wine direct shipper licensee may only ship one (1) case of vinous liquor per consumer in any calendar quarter only to a recipient who:

(1) Is twenty-one (21) years of age or older;

(2) Resides in a wet county where the manufacture or retail sale of alcoholic beverages is permitted; and

(3) Is receiving the vinous liquor directly for personal use and CRH234 - 03-04-2025 06:00:47 Page 1 of 3

AND

Page 3, delete lines 27 through 32, and substitute the following: "3-5-1706. Delivery <u>- Enforcement - Penalties</u>.

(a) A winery wine direct shipper licensee shall have the vinous liquor delivered to an Arkansas consumer during the hours of the day that alcoholic beverages may be purchased in the state.

(b) A wine direct shipper licensee shall not ship vinous liquor to a resident located in a dry county.

(c) The Alcoholic Beverage Control Division shall verify compliance with this subchapter by the following audit methods, including without limitation:

(1) Reviewing quarterly reports submitted by wine direct shipper licensees to confirm shipments are made only to wet counties;

(2) Investigating any suspected shipments to dry counties; and

(3) Issuing cease and desist orders to wine direct shipper licensees that fail to comply with this subchapter.

(d) A wine direct shipper licensee who violates this subchapter is subject to the following penalties:

(1) For the first violation, written notice of noncompliance issued by the division to the wine direct shipper licensee;

(2) For the second violation, a fine of five hundred dollars
(\$500);

(3) For the third violation, a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000); and

(4) For the fourth and subsequent violations:

(A) Suspension of the wine direct shipper licensee for up to one (1) year; and

(B) Additional fines up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per violation.

(e) A winery, an importer, or a supplier that knowingly ships to a dry county is subject to:

(1) Immediate suspension of the wine direct shipper license pending an investigation by the division; and

(2) Seizure of illegal shipments in coordination with state and

local law enforcement."

AND

Delete Section 3 in its entirety and renumber accordingly

The Amendment was read By: Representative B. McKenzie CRH/CRH - 03-04-2025 06:00:47 CRH234

Chief Clerk