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9		For An Act To Be Entitled	
10	AN ACT T	O TREAT NATIVE WINE MANUFACTURERS EQUA	ALLY
11		ER MANUFACTURERS; TO PROTECT THE STATE	
12		NAL THREE-TIER SYSTEM FOR THE CONTROL	
13	ALCOHOLI	C BEVERAGES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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16	AN AC	T TO TREAT NATIVE WINE	
17	MANUF	ACTURERS EQUALLY WITH OTHER	
18	MANUF	CACTURERS AND TO PROTECT THE STATE'S	
19	TRADI	TIONAL THREE-TIER SYSTEM FOR THE	
20	CONTR	ROL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.	
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23	BE IT ENACTED BY THE G	ENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANS	SAS:
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25	SECTION 1. <u>Inter</u>	nt.	
26	(a) The General	Assembly intends this subchapter to a	mend Arkansas law
27	that controls the dist	ribution and sale of alcoholic beverag	ges to comply with
28	the recent ruling of t	he United States Supreme Court in the	case of Granholm
29	v. Heald, 544 U.S. 460		
30		s of this subchapter are to:	
31	_	e equal treatment of all affected busi	inesses under the
32	<u>law;</u>		
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34		ale of alcoholic beverages in the stat	
35 36		e that all alcoholic beverages are sol retailers through face-to-face sales t	
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1	(4) Ensure the continuation of a system that fosters the prompt
2	and efficient collection and payment of all wholesale and retail alcoholic
3	beverage taxes due the state;
4	(5) Preserve our system of laws that prohibit the unauthorized
5	and unlawful sale of alcoholic beverages in dry counties; and
6	(6) Ensure that Arkansas' native wine manufacturers are treated
7	equally with out-of-state wine manufacturers.
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9	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 3-1-103(a)(1), concerning alcoholic
10	products exempted from the Arkansas Alcoholic Control Act, is amended to read
11	as follows:
12	(a)(l) The Except as expressly provided, the provisions of this act
13	shall not in any manner be construed to apply to the manufacture, sale, and
14	distribution of wines or vinous liquors manufactured, sold, and distributed
15	by residents of Arkansas.
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17	SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 3-2-403 is amended to read as follows:
18	3-2-403. Spirituous and vinous beverages - Registration of brands and
19	labels - Designation of licensed wholesaler.
20	(a) Every manufacturer, importer, or producer of spirituous and vinous
21	beverages, as defined by § 3-1-102, including wine manufactured in Arkansas,
22	doing business in the State of Arkansas shall submit to the Alcoholic
23	Beverage Control Division one (1) label for each brand of spirituous and
24	vinous beverages to be shipped for the first time by the shipper into or
25	within the state and shall designate in the application for registration one
26	(1) licensed liquor wholesaler in the state, who shall be the exclusive
27	distributor of such brand or label within the state.
28	(b) Such The designated wholesaler shall be initially approved by the
29	director and shall not be changed or initially disapproved except for good
30	cause, and the director shall determine good cause after a hearing pursuant
31	to the provisions set out in this subchapter.
32	(c) Any brands or labels previously registered in this state, and
33	$\frac{\text{which}}{\text{that}}$ have subsequently been withdrawn from distribution in this state,
34	shall be treated in the same manner as the initial registration of brands or
35	labels and are subject to the provisions bereaf of this subshapter

1 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 3-2-411 is amended to read as follows: 2 3-2-411. Subchapter incorporated into division approvals -3 Applicability - Waiver. The terms, conditions, and requirements of this subchapter are 4 5 hereby expressly made a part of the terms of and as conditions to the 6 approval granted by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division to distillers, 7 manufacturers, importers, or producers, to do business in the state, and by 8 the application for, the acceptance of, or the conduct of business under any 9 such approval, a distiller, manufacturer, importer, or producer consents and 10 agrees to comply with the terms, conditions, and requirements of this 11 subchapter. 12 (b) This subchapter does not apply to manufacturers or wholesalers of Arkansas native wine. 13 14 (e)(b) No right, duty, or other provision set out in this subchapter 15 may be waived by any agreement or contract between any wholesaler and 16 supplier regardless of whether any such waiver agreement was made prior to or 17 after July 15, 1991. 18 19 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 3-3-212, concerning relations between 20 manufacturers and sellers of alcoholic beverages, is amended to add an 21 additional subsection to read as follows: 22 (d) This section applies to wine manufactured in Arkansas. 23 24 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 3-4-101 is amended to read as follows: 25 3-4-101. Permit required. 26 (a) No vinous (except wines), spirituous, or malt liquors shall be 27 manufactured in this state for storage or sale at retail within the state 28 without a permit therefor issued by the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage 29 Control Division as herein provided in this section. 30 (b) No person shall sell vinous, spirituous, or malt liquors in this state, except as provided in this act. However, the provisions of this act 31 32 shall not apply to the manufacture, sale, and distribution of wines in this 33 state. 34 (c) This section applies to wine manufactured in Arkansas. 35

SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 3-5-407 is amended to read as follows:

1 3-5-407. License fees generally. 2 For the privilege of doing business respectively, as indicated in this 3 section, there shall each fiscal year, beginning July 1, be imposed, 4 assessed, levied, and collected the following license fees: 5 (1)(A) For the privilege of manufacturing native wine in 6 quantities not to exceed five thousand (5,000) gallons, a license fee of one 7 dollar (\$1.00) per thousand gallons shall be paid by the manufacturer. 8 (B)(i) However, any persons in this state shall have the 9 right to manufacture free from this license fee from grapes, berries, or 10 other fruits or vegetables grown in the State of Arkansas, native wine or 11 light wine for consumption in their homes by themselves and their guests, but 12 not for sale, in quantities not to exceed two hundred (200) gallons. (ii) Provided, nothing herein in this section shall 13 14 be deemed to authorize the manufacture of wine or light wine in any area 15 which has voted against the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors; 16 (2) For the privilege of manufacturing native wine in excess of 17 five thousand (5,000) gallons, a license fee of two hundred fifty dollars 18 (\$250) shall be paid by the manufacturer; and 19 (3) For the privilege of selling native wine, except by a 20 manufacturer for consumption at his the manufacturer's winery, there shall be 21 paid for each retail dealer's license a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00); 22 (4) For the privilege of selling native wine, except by a 23 manufacturer at his winery, there shall be paid for each wholesale dealer's 24 license a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00). 25 26 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 3-5-409(a), concerning taxes on the 27 manufacture and sale of native wines, is amended to read as follows: 28 (a)(1) Under the provisions of this subchapter, for the privilege of 29 manufacturing wine and for selling it for consumption at the winery or in 30 this state, there is imposed, assessed, and levied a tax of seventy-five 31 cents (75¢) per gallon upon all the wine manufactured and sold in this state 32 under the provisions of this subchapter. 33 (2) For the privilege of manufacturing light wine under the 34 provisions of this subchapter, and for selling it for consumption at the 35 winery or in this state, there is imposed, assessed, and levied a tax of

twenty-five cents (25¢) per gallon upon all light wine manufactured and sold

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           SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 3-5-410 is amended to read as follows:
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           3-5-410. Manner of sale.
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           All native wine, whether sold by the manufacturer, retailer, or
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     wholesale dealer, must shall be sold in original packages and in the
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     following lots:
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                 (1) The manufacturer may sell to the consumer at the winery in
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     lots not to exceed five (5) gallons and to either wholesale or retail dealers
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     in lots not less than five (5) gallons. However, the lots may be contained in
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     packages of less than five (5) gallons each;
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                 \frac{(2)}{(1)} Retail dealers may sell only to consumers and in lots not
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     to exceed five (5) gallons; and
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                 (3)(2) Wholesale dealers may sell only to retail dealers and in
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     lots of any quantity.
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           SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 3-5-411 is amended to read as follows:
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           3-5-411. Transportation.
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           (a) It shall be lawful to transport native wine in the original
     package along any highway, road, street, or other thoroughfare of travel.
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           (b) It shall be unlawful to transport wine along any highway, road,
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     street, or other thoroughfare of travel except in the original package.
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           (c)(1) It is lawful for any winery in the State of Arkansas to ship
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     wines out of the state by common carrier or other appropriate parcel delivery
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     service and for common carriers and other appropriate parcel delivery
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     services to accept wine from Arkansas wineries for delivery outside the State
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     of Arkansas.
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                 (2)(A) An individual who purchases native Arkansas wine at the
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     winery may transport the wine pursuant to § 3-5-504 or may have the purchase
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     shipped to him or her at the individual's home by common carrier or
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     appropriate parcel delivery service.
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                       (B) Under subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this section, it is
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     lawful for:
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                             (i) Any winery in the State of Arkansas to ship
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     wines within the state by common carrier or other appropriate parcel delivery
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    service: and
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1	(ii) Common carriers and other appropriate parcel	
2	delivery services to accept wine from Arkansas wineries for delivery within	
3	the State of Arkansas.	
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5	SECTION 11. Arkansas Code § 5-4-413 is amended to read as follows:	
6	3-5-413. Wineries — Sale of wine for on-premises or off-premises	
7	consumption.	
8	(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 3-5-410 or any other law to	
9	the contrary, wine may be sold at any winery located in this state for on-	
10	premises or off-premises consumption on any day of the week.	
11	(b)(1) The Alcohol Beverage Control Board is hereby authorized to may	
12	promulgate reasonable rules $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ regulations for the on-premises sale $\frac{1}{2}$	
13	foods, and off-premises package sale, labeling, and identification, of and	
14	wine sold at wine outlets maintained on the premises and operated in	
15	connection with a wine manufacturing facility in this state throughout the	
16	week _{f.}	
17	(2) and such regulations The rules shall include the following	
18	minimum requirements:	
19	(1) The winery shall provide ensure that the winery	
20	provides tours through their its cellars.	
21	(2) Only sealed containers may be removed from the winery	
22	premises;	
23	(3)(A) That packages sold on Sundays for off-premises	
24	consumption shall have attached around the central seam of each such package	
25	a tape or other seal approved by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to seal	
26	such package.	
27	(B) Said tape or seal shall be affixed in such manner as	
28	directed by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board which shall prohibit the	
29	opening thereof without breaking such tape or seal.	
30	(C) On each such package shall be stamped in ink the words	
31	"Not to be opened on date of sale by order of the Arkansas Alcoholic Beverage	
32	Control Board" and stating the penalty for violating such order in letters of	
33	such minimum height and size as may be prescribed by the Alcoholic Beverage	
34	Control Board.	
35	(c) Breaking the seal required by subdivision (b)(3) of this section	
36	on the date of sale shall be a Class C misdemeanor.	

1 2 SECTION 12. Arkansas Code Title 3, Chapter 5, Subchapter 5 is 3 repealed. 4 3-5-501. Legislative determinations and intent. 5 (a) The General Assembly, in the passage of this subchapter, is 6 cognizant of the practice of Arkansas wineries who produce native wine in 7 cooperating with the efforts of the State Parks, Recreation, and Travel 8 Commission in promoting the tourist industry of this state by opening their cellars and vineyards to tourists, by providing official tour guides, and by 9 expending sums of money for the construction of vineyard observation towers, 10 11 vineyard roads, tourist centers, and tunnels for the proper flow of travel through their wine cellars, and that these activities by Arkansas wineries 12 who produce native wine have promoted the tourist industry in Arkansas, and 13 14 are of substantial benefit in promoting the economy and welfare of this 15 state. 16 (b) The General Assembly further recognizes that quantities of native 17 wines are sold at the wineries in this state to connoisseurs of vintage wines who purchase the native wines to stock their home wine cellars, but in the 18 19 transportation of such wines, persons may often find themselves in technical 20 violation of the laws of this state by transporting greater quantities of 21 native wine through dry counties than are authorized by law. (c) It is, therefore, essential to the development of native wine 22 23 producing industry in this state, with related economic benefits to farms and 24 orchards which produce fruits and berries used in native wine production, and 25 in improved employment advantages enjoyed by those directly or indirectly 26 engaged in native wine production or allied employment, that procedures be 27 developed for the lawful, yet regulated, movement of native wines within the 28 state and through the state so long as the native wine is not used in 29 violation of any local option law. 30 (d) The General Assembly further determines that the procedures set 31 forth hereinafter provide reasonable regulations for the lawful 32 transportation of native wines upon the public highways of this state which, 33 if transported in compliance herewith, shall not be in violation of state law 34 or of any local initiated act prohibiting or restricting the manufacture, 35 possession, or sale of alcoholic beverages in this state.

(e) It is the intent of this subchapter to establish regulated

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    procedures for transportation of native wine on the public highways of this
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    state which are purchased by the purchaser in the manner provided in this
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    subchapter for transportation to a destination outside the State of Arkansas
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    or to a destination within the state in which the lawful manufacture,
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    possession, or sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
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          3-5-502. Penalty.
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          Any person who shall knowingly or illegally violate any of the
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    provisions of this subchapter shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.
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          3-5-503. Labeling for transportation.
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           (a) The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board is authorized to promulgate
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    reasonable rules and regulations for the labeling and identification of
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    quantities of native wine purchased at wine outlets maintained on the
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    premises and operated in connection with a native wine manufacturing facility
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     in this state, which would identify native wines and authorize the
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    transportation of them upon the public highways of this state to a
    destination outside this state or to a destination within this state in which
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    the lawful possession or sale of alcoholic beverages is not prohibited by
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    law.
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          (b) The regulation shall include minimum requirements as follows:
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                 (1)(A) Each case or partial case of native wine sold at a retail
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    outlet of native wine manufacturers shall have attached around the central
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    seam of each case a tape or other seal approved by the Alcoholic Beverage
    Control Board to seal the package.
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                       (B) The tape or seal shall be affixed in the manner as
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    directed by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Which shall prohibit the
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     opening of the case in transit or which if opened in transit would enable any
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    law enforcement officer to determine that the sealed case had been unlawfully
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    opened;
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                 (2) On each case shall be stamped in ink the words: "Not to Be
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    Opened in Transit by Order of the Arkansas Alcoholic Beverage Control Board,"
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    in letters of such minimum height and size as may be prescribed by the
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    Alcoholic Beverage Control Board;
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                 (3)(A) In addition thereto, the case shall have stamped or
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    printed on it substantially the following form:
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2	ARKANSAS NATIVE WINE TRANSIT PERMIT
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4	This package contains Arkansas Native Wine produced by:
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8	(Name and Address of Winery)
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12	(Name of Purchaser) (Address)
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16	(Date of Sale)
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19	(Name and Address of Destination)
20	(B) Each case or partial case of native wine shall be
21	stamped in the manner as provided in this section, and there shall be written
22	on each case or partial case the information required in this section.
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24	3-5-504. Transportation by purchaser authorized - Limitation.
25	(a) Any person who shall purchase native wine at retail outlets
26	maintained on the premises of, and operated by, the native wine manufacturer
27	may transport a quantity of not more than three (3) cases, not to exceed
28	three (3) gallons per case, of Arkansas-produced native wine. If the cases
29	are packaged, sealed, and stamped in the manner as provided in § 3-5-503,
30	they may be transported upon the public highways of this state without the
31	transportation of them being in violation of any laws of this state or of any
32	local ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, possession, or sale of
33	alcoholic beverages in any dry area through which they are transported on the
34	public highway. This is true so long as the container has been unopened and
35	is being transported by a vehicle to a destination, as reflected on the
36	package, outside the State of Arkansas or to a destination within the State

- of Arkansas in which the manufacture, possession, or sale of alcoholic beverages is not prohibited by law.
 - (b) For the purposes of this subchapter, each purchaser of Arkansasproduced native wine shall be entitled to purchase not more than three (3)
 cases of native wine per purchaser as reflected on the sealed cases thereof
 and may transport native wine in any vehicle under the provisions of this
 subchapter.
- (c) Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to limit the transportation of three (3) cases per vehicle.
 - (d) Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to grant permission or authority for any person to transport an unlawful quantity of native wine to a destination in, or for possession, sale, or use in, any county, city, or portion thereof in which the manufacture, possession, or sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited by law.

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- 3-5-505. Package to remain unopened Inspection.
- (a) Any person purchasing Arkansas-produced native wines and transporting them in the manner authorized in this subchapter shall not open any container or break any seal or package in which the wines are packaged for transportation in compliance with this subchapter until the package reaches the destination thereof as designated on the sealed package.
- (b) All cases of Arkansas-produced native wine transported under the provisions of this subchapter shall be made available for inspection, upon request, by any law enforcement officer.
- (c) If a law enforcement officer determines it necessary to open the case for any lawful inspection, he shall attach to the case a statement, in writing, identifying the name, address, and commission of the officer and the site, hour, and date on which the case has been opened, in order that if the person transporting the package is required to submit it for further inspection, there will be a proper identification thereon that it was opened for inspection and has not been opened in violation of this subchapter.

- SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 3-5-603(a), concerning bottling and taxing native wines, is amended to read as follows:
- (a) In order to enable Arkansas wineries which that produce native wines to sell their products to make their products usable by interstate and

- l intrastate passenger airline companies and to passenger railroads in
- 2 containers for their convenience and use, the Alcoholic Beverage Control
- 3 Board is authorized to may promulgate regulations rules to permit the
- 4 bottling of wines produced by wineries in this state in two-fifths (2/5) pint
- 5 or split size wine containers, or other nearest metric size practicable when
- 6 the metric system of measurement is phased into operation in this country,
- 7 for sale to for use by airlines and passenger railroads for sale for
- 8 consumption thereon on airlines and passenger railroads.

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- SECTION 14. Arkansas Code § 3-5-607 is repealed
- 11 3-5-607. Tax incentive for export of local wines.

necessary to accomplish this purpose.

- (a) In order to encourage Arkansas wineries to seek new and broader markets for Arkansas wines outside of Arkansas and to enable the wineries to be less dependent upon Arkansas markets for the sale of their wines, thereby giving an incentive for the purchase of more Arkansas fruits and vegetables to be used in the production of wines for sale outside this state, the General Assembly determines that the establishment of a tax incentive is
 - (b) The tax incentive shall be as follows: For every one and one-half (11/2) gallons of Arkansas grown wine that an Arkansas winery sells and ships outside the State of Arkansas, the Arkansas winery shall receive a seventy cent tax credit against tax it must pay for out-of-state wines that the winery imports into this state for blending with Arkansas produced wines for sale within the State of Arkansas. The Arkansas winery must pay a similiar credit against taxes for wines it sells within the State of Arkansas produced from fruits and vegetables grown outside the State of Arkansas.
 - (c)(1) To qualify for the benefits of the tax credit incentive as provided in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the Arkansas winery shall submit to the Department of Finance and Administration copies of invoices of sales of Arkansas-grown wines to wholesalers in other states or countries indicating the date of sale and address of the wholesaler.
 - (2) If certain wines on the invoice are blends of Arkansas-grown and out-of-state grown wines, or blends with wines produced in Arkansas from out-of-state fruit, a copy of the blend-ratio record shall accompany the invoice.
 - (3) Invoices may be submitted annually.

I	(d) Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to require Arkansas
2	wineries to pay gallonage tax in Arkansas on wines shipped and sold to
3	wholesalers for sale outside of Arkansas.
4	(e) All persons manufacturing controlled beverages shall keep and
5	maintain on the premises the following records:
6	(1) A record showing the kind, quantity, and date of the receipt
7	of all materials brought upon the premises for use in the manufacture of
8	<pre>controlled beverages;</pre>
9	(2) A record of all controlled beverages sold or otherwise
10	disposed of, indicating the date of sale or other disposition, the name of
11	the wholesale or retail outlet purchaser, and the quantity of controlled
12	beverages sold or otherwise disposed of.
13	(f) The records shall be preserved for a period of three (3) years
14	from the relevant date of the records and shall be available on the premises
15	at all times for reasonable inspection by authorized agents of the Λ lcoholic
16	Beverage Control Division and the Department of Finance and Administration.
17	The records, along with federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms
18	production and sales records and other requirements of this subchapter, shall
19	serve as a system to ensure proper collection of wine taxes.
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21	SECTION 15. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
22	General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that lawsuits are currently pending
23	in both Federal Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas and Pulaski County
24	Circuit Court regarding the constitutionality of the laws being amended by
25	this subchapter; that the lawsuits are being defended by the office of the
26	Arkansas Attorney General; and that immediate implementation of this act is
27	necessary because any delay may result in substantial costs to the state.
28	Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being necessary for
29	the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become
30	effective on:
31	(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;
32	(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
33	the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
34	bill; or
35	(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
36	overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.