Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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2	86th General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2007		SENATE BILL 304
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5	By: Senators T. Smith, Horn, S	almon	
6	By: Representatives Wood, Sar	nple, Harrelson, Saunders	
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9		For An Act To Be Entitled	
10	AN ACT TO	TREAT NATIVE WINE MANUFACTURERS	EQUALLY
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12	TRADITION	AL THREE-TIER SYSTEM FOR THE CONT	TROL OF
13	ALCOHOLIC	BEVERAGES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSE	ES.
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19	TRADIT	IONAL THREE-TIER SYSTEM FOR THE	
20	CONTRO	L OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.	
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23	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GE	NERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF AR	KANSAS:
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25	SECTION 1. Intent	<u>t.</u>	
26	(a) The General A	Assembly intends this subchapter	to amend Arkansas law
27	that controls the distr	ibution and sale of alcoholic bev	erages to comply with
28	the recent ruling of the	e United States Supreme Court in	the case of Granholm
29	<u>v. Heald, 544 U.S. 460</u>	(2005).	
30	(b) The purposes	of this subchapter are to:	
31	(1) Ensure	equal treatment of all affected	businesses under the
32	<u>law;</u>		
33	<u>(2)</u> Mainta:	in a comprehensive system of regu	lation and control of
34	the distribution and sa	le of alcoholic beverages in the	state;
35	(3) Ensure	that all alcoholic beverages are	sold to Arkansas
36	consumers by licensed re	etailers through face-to-face sal	es transactions;



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	which 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 hereof of this subchapter.
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           SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 3-2-411 is amended to read as follows:
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           3-2-411. Subchapter incorporated into division approvals -
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     Applicability - Waiver.
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               The terms, conditions, and requirements of this subchapter are
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     hereby expressly made a part of the terms of and as conditions to the
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     approval granted by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division to distillers,
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     manufacturers, importers, or producers, to do business in the state, and by
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     the application for, the acceptance of, or the conduct of business under any
     such approval, a distiller, manufacturer, importer, or producer consents and
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     agrees to comply with the terms, conditions, and requirements of this
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     subchapter.
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           (b) This subchapter does not apply to manufacturers or wholesalers of
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     Arkansas native wine.
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           (c)(b) No right, duty, or other provision set out in this subchapter
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     may be waived by any agreement or contract between any wholesaler and
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     supplier regardless of whether any such waiver agreement was made prior to or
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     after July 15, 1991.
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           SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 3-3-212, concerning relations between
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     manufacturers and sellers of alcoholic beverages, is amended to add an
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     additional subsection to read as follows:
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           (d) This section applies to wine manufactured in Arkansas.
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           SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 3-4-101 is amended to read as follows:
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           3-4-101. Permit required.
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           (a) No vinous (except wines), spirituous, or malt liquors shall be
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     manufactured in this state for storage or sale at retail within the state
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     without a permit therefor issued by the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage
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     Control Division as herein provided in this section.
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           (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
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     shall not apply to the manufacture, sale, and distribution of wines in this
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     state.
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           (c) This section applies to wine manufactured in Arkansas.
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           SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 3-5-407 is amended to read as follows:
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1 3-5-407. License fees generally. 2 For the privilege of doing business respectively, as indicated in this section, there shall each fiscal year, beginning July 1, be imposed, 3 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 (\$250) shall be paid by the manufacturer; and 18 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 cents (75¢) per gallon upon all the wine manufactured and sold in this state 31 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 36 twenty-five cents (25¢) per gallon upon all light wine manufactured and sold

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1 in this state under the provisions of this subchapter. 2 3 SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 3-5-410 is amended to read as follows: 4 3-5-410. Manner of sale. 5 All native wine, whether sold by the manufacturer, retailer, or 6 wholesale dealer, must shall be sold in original packages and in the 7 following lots: 8 (1) The manufacturer may sell to the consumer at the winery; in 9 lots not to exceed five (5) gallons and to either wholesale or retail dealers in lots not less than five (5) gallons. However, the lots may be contained in 10 11 packages of less than five (5) gallons each; 12 (2) Retail dealers may sell only to consumers and in lots not to 13 exceed five (5) gallons; and 14 (3) Wholesale dealers may sell only to retail dealers and in 15 lots of any quantity. 16 17 SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 3-5-411 is amended to read as follows: 3-5-411. Transportation. 18 19 (a) It shall be lawful to transport native wine in the original package along any highway, road, street, or other thoroughfare of travel. 20 21 (b) It shall be unlawful to transport wine along any highway, road, 22 street, or other thoroughfare of travel except in the original package. 23 (c)(1) It is lawful for any winery in the State of Arkansas to ship 24 wines out of the state by common carrier or other appropriate parcel delivery 25 service and for common carriers and other appropriate parcel delivery 26 services to accept wine from Arkansas wineries for delivery outside the State 27 of Arkansas. 28 (2) (A) An individual who purchases mative Arkansas wine at the 29 winery may transport the wine under this section. pursuant to § 3-5-504 or 30 may have the purchase shipped to him or her at the individual's home by 31 common carrier or appropriate parcel delivery service. 32 (B) Under subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this section, it is 33 lawful for: 34 (i) Any winery in the State of Arkansas to ship 35 wines within the state by common carrier or other appropriate parcel delivery 36 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) <u>(1)</u> The Alcohol Beverage Control Board is hereby authorized to <u>may</u>
12	promulgate reasonable rules and regulations for the on-premises sale with \underline{of}
13	foods, and off-premises package sale, labeling, and identification, of <u>and</u>
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 .
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	<u>provides</u> tours through their <u>its</u> 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.

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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
9	cellars and vineyards to tourists, by providing official tour guides, and by
10	expending sums of money for the construction of vineyard observation towers,
11	vineyard roads, tourist centers, and tunnels for the proper flow of travel
12	through their wine cellars, and that these activities by Arkansas wineries
13	who produce native wine have promoted the tourist industry in Arkansas, and
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
18	who purchase the native wines to stock their home wine cellars, but in the
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.
22	(c) It is, therefore, essential to the development of native wine
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.
36	(e) It is the intent of this subchapter to establish regulated

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1	procedures for transportation of native wine on the public highways of this
2	state which are purchased by the purchaser in the manner provided in this
3	subchapter for transportation to a destination outside the State of Arkansas
4	or to a destination within the state in which the lawful manufacture,
5	possession, or sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
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7	3-5-502. Penalty.
8	Any person who shall knowingly or illegally violate any of the
9	provisions of this subchapter shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.
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11	3-5-503. Labeling for transportation.
12	(a) The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board is authorized to promulgate
13	reasonable rules and regulations for the labeling and identification of
14	quantities of native wine purchased at wine outlets maintained on the
15	premises and operated in connection with a native wine manufacturing facility
16	in this state, which would identify native wines and authorize the
17	transportation of them upon the public highways of this state to a
18	destination outside this state or to a destination within this state in which
19	the lawful possession or sale of alcoholic beverages is not prohibited by
20	law.
21	(b) The regulation shall include minimum requirements as follows:
22	(1)(A) Each case or partial case of native wine sold at a retail
23	outlet of native wine manufacturers shall have attached around the central
24	seam of each case a tape or other seal approved by the Alcoholic Beverage
25	Control Board to seal the package.
26	(B) The tape or seal shall be affixed in the manner as
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28	directed by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board which shall prohibit the
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29 30	directed by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board which shall prohibit the opening of the case in transit or which if opened in transit would enable any law enforcement officer to determine that the sealed case had been unlawfully opened;
29 30 31	directed by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board which shall prohibit the opening of the case in transit or which if opened in transit would enable any law enforcement officer to determine that the sealed case had been unlawfully opened; (2) On each case shall be stamped in ink the words: "Not to Be
29 30 31 32	directed by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board which shall prohibit the opening of the case in transit or which if opened in transit would enable any law enforcement officer to determine that the sealed case had been unlawfully opened; (2) On each case shall be stamped in ink the words: "Not to Be Opened in Transit by Order of the Arkansas Alcoholic Beverage Control Board,"
29 30 31 32 33	directed by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board which shall prohibit the opening of the case in transit or which if opened in transit would enable any law enforcement officer to determine that the sealed case had been unlawfully opened; (2) On each case shall be stamped in ink the words: "Not to Be Opened in Transit by Order of the Arkansas Alcoholic Beverage Control Board," in letters of such minimum height and size as may be prescribed by the

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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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14	On for transit to
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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

1	of Arkansas in which the manufacture, possession, or sale of alcoholic
2	beverages is not prohibited by law.
3	(b) For the purposes of this subchapter, each purchaser of Arkansas-
4	produced native wine shall be entitled to purchase not more than three (3)
5	cases of native wine per purchaser as reflected on the sealed cases thereof
6	and may transport native wine in any vehicle under the provisions of this
7	subchapter.
8	(c) Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to limit the
9	transportation of three (3) cases per vehicle.
10	(d) Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to grant permission
11	or authority for any person to transport an unlawful quantity of native wine
12	to a destination in, or for possession, sale, or use in, any county, city, or
13	portion thereof in which the manufacture, possession, or sale of alcoholic
14	beverages is prohibited by law.
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16	3-5-505. Package to remain unopened - Inspection.
17	(a) Any person purchasing Arkansas-produced native wines and
18	transporting them in the manner authorized in this subchapter shall not open
19	any container or break any seal or package in which the wines are packaged
20	for transportation in compliance with this subchapter until the package
21	reaches the destination thereof as designated on the sealed package.
22	(b) All cases of Arkansas-produced native wine transported under the
23	provisions of this subchapter shall be made available for inspection, upon
24	request, by any law enforcement officer.
25	(c) If a law enforcement officer determines it necessary to open the
26	case for any lawful inspection, he shall attach to the case a statement, in
27	writing, identifying the name, address, and commission of the officer and the
28	site, hour, and date on which the case has been opened, in order that if the
29	person transporting the package is required to submit it for further
30	inspection, there will be a proper identification thereon that it was opened
31	for inspection and has not been opened in violation of this subchapter.
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33	SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 3-5-603(a), concerning bottling and taxing
34	native wines, is amended to read as follows:
35	(a) In order to enable Arkansas wineries which <u>that</u> produce native
36	wines to sell their products to <u>make their products usable by</u> interstate and

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1 intrastate passenger airline companies and to passenger railroads in 2 containers for their convenience and use, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board is authorized to may promulgate regulations rules to permit the 3 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

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3-5-607. Tax incentive for export of local wines.

12 (a) In order to encourage Arkansas wineries to seek new and broader 13 markets for Arkansas wines outside of Arkansas and to enable the wineries to 14 be less dependent upon Arkansas markets for the sale of their wines, thereby 15 giving an incentive for the purchase of more Arkansas fruits and vegetables 16 to be used in the production of wines for sale outside this state, the 17 General Assembly determines that the establishment of a tax incentive is 18 necessary to accomplish this purpose.

19 (b) The tax incentive shall be as follows: For every one and one-half 20 (11/2) gallons of Arkansas grown wine that an Arkansas winery sells and ships 21 outside the State of Arkansas, the Arkansas winery shall receive a seventy 22 cent tax credit against tax it must pay for out-of-state wines that the 23 winery imports into this state for blending with Arkansas-produced wines for 24 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 25 26 from fruits and vegetables grown outside the State of Arkansas.

27 (c)(1) To qualify for the benefits of the tax credit incentive as 28 provided in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the Arkansas winery 29 shall submit to the Department of Finance and Administration copies of 30 invoices of sales of Arkansas grown wines to wholesalers in other states or 31 countries indicating the date of sale and address of the wholesaler. 32 (2) If certain wines on the invoice are blends of Arkansas-grown 33 and out-of-state grown wines, or blends with wines produced in Arkansas from 34 out-of-state fruit, a copy of the blend-ratio record shall accompany the

35 invoice.

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(3) Invoices may be submitted annually.

1	(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	controlled beverages;
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 Alcoholic
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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