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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1872

5 By: Representative C. Fite  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CREATE THE EQUALIZE ARKANSAS NATIVE WINE  
9 GRANTS ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

12 TO CREATE THE EQUALIZE ARKANSAS NATIVE  
13 WINE GRANTS ACT.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 3-5-904(a), as amended by Acts 2017, No.*  
20 *508, § 4, concerning eligibility of small farm wineries for incentive grants,*  
21 *is amended to read as follows:*

22 *(a)(1) A winery is eligible to receive a grant under this subchapter*  
23 *if the winery:*

24 ~~*(1)(A) Has been actively involved in the sale of wine as*~~  
25 ~~*an Arkansas-bonded winery for five (5) years; or*~~

26 ~~*(2)(B) Has a federal license;*~~

27 ~~*(3)(C) Was licensed by the State of Arkansas as of January*~~  
28 ~~*1, 2016, shall be eligible to receive grants under the provisions of this*~~  
29 ~~*subchapter;*~~

30 ~~*(4)(D) Cultivates and maintains two (2) or more acres of*~~  
31 ~~*marketable grapes in Arkansas using standard commercial vineyard cultivation*~~  
32 ~~*practices;*~~

33 ~~*(5)(E) Produces by fermentation a minimum of eight hundred*~~  
34 ~~*gallons (800 gals.) of wine on the winery premises in the previous calendar*~~  
35 ~~*year; and*~~

36 ~~*(6)(F) Received a certification of eligibility under this*~~



1 *section from the Arkansas Wine Producers Council.*

2 *(2)(A) A winery or wine production facility is eligible for only*  
3 *one (1) grant payment under this subchapter.*

4 *(B) A winery or a group of wineries operating with more*  
5 *than one (1) federal permit or more than one (1) state permit, or both, which*  
6 *in any manner share the production facilities or bonded wine premises of the*  
7 *winery or group of wineries or which operates under an alternating*  
8 *proprietorship or a custom crush arrangement as defined by the Alcohol and*  
9 *Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau of the United States Department of the Treasury*  
10 *is eligible for only one (1) grant payment under this subchapter.*

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