



## Senate

General Assembly

February Session, 2002

**File No. 128**

Senate Bill No. 509

*Senate, March 25, 2002*

The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. COLAPIETRO of the 31st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

### **AN ACT CONCERNING FARM WINE MANUFACTURED IN CONNECTICUT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 30-16 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2002*):

4 (e) A manufacturer permit for a farm winery shall be in all respects  
5 the same as a manufacturer permit, except that the scope of operations  
6 of the holder shall be limited to wine and brandies distilled from grape  
7 products or other fruit products, including grappa and eau-de-vie. As  
8 used in this section, "farm winery" means any place or premises,  
9 located on a farm in the state in which wine is manufactured and sold.  
10 Such permit shall authorize the sale in bulk by the holder thereof from  
11 the premises where the products are manufactured pursuant to such  
12 permit and shall authorize the holder thereof to sell from such farm  
13 winery premises to a retailer wine manufactured by the farm winery

14 permittee in the original sealed containers of not more than fifteen  
 15 gallons per container and to sell or deliver such wine or brandy to  
 16 persons outside the state. Such permit shall also authorize: (1) The  
 17 offering and tasting of free samples of such wine or brandy to visitors  
 18 and prospective retail customers for consumption on the premises of  
 19 the farm winery permittee; (2) the selling at retail from the premises  
 20 sealed bottles or other sealed containers of such wine or brandy for  
 21 consumption off the premises; and (3) the selling at retail from the  
 22 premises wine by the glass and bottle to visitors on the premises of the  
 23 farm winery permittee for consumption on the premises, provided a  
 24 town may, by ordinance or zoning regulation, prohibit any such  
 25 offering, tasting or selling at retail at premises within such town for  
 26 which a manufacturer permit for farm winery has been issued. No  
 27 licensed farm winery may sell any such wine or brandy not  
 28 manufactured [in] by such winery, except a farm winery may sell wine  
 29 manufactured by another farm winery located in this state. The farm  
 30 winery permittee shall produce within the state an average crop of  
 31 fruit equal to not less than fifty-one per cent of the fruit used in the  
 32 manufacture of the farm winery permittee's wine. An average crop  
 33 shall be defined each year as the average yield of the farm winery  
 34 permittee's two largest annual crops out of the preceding five years,  
 35 except that during the first seven years from the date of issuance of a  
 36 farm winery permit, an average crop shall be defined as three tons of  
 37 grapes for each acre of vineyard farmed by the farm winery permittee.  
 38 The annual fee for a manufacturer permit for a farm winery shall be  
 39 two hundred forty dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2002

**GL**      *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

This bill allows farm wineries to sell wine products manufactured by other Connecticut farm wineries. Passage of this bill would not impact the Department of Consumer Protection.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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***AN ACT CONCERNING FARM WINE MANUFACTURED IN CONNECTICUT*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows a farm winery to sell wine produced by another Connecticut farm winery. Current law allows farm wineries to sell only their own products. By law, a "farm winery" is a business that is located on a farm and that manufactures and sells wine. It may sell wine and beverages distilled from grape and other fruit products, such as brandy, grappa, and eau-de-vie.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2002

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 17 Nay 0