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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 13-30—SB 881**

*General Law Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING FARM WINERIES**

**SUMMARY:** By law, a farm winery permittee must grow, on land he or she controls, an average crop of at least 25% of the fruit used to make the permittee's wine. Generally, an "average crop" is the average yield of the permittee's two largest annual crops in the preceding five years. But during the first seven years after a farm winery permit is issued, the average crop is calculated as three tons of grapes for each vineyard acre farmed, which usually is a lower threshold.

This act specifies that the seven-year period does not restart if the farm winery property is transferred or sold during the seven-year period.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon passage

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