

**ENROLLED BILL**

-- Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Environmental Matters --

Introduced by **Senator Munson**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Agriculture - Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Fund and Council -**  
3 **Establishment**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Fund for  
5 certain purposes; establishing a Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Council;  
6 providing for the membership of the Council; requiring the Council to make  
7 certain recommendations to the Board of Public Works regarding certain grants;  
8 ~~requiring certain alcohol tax proceeds on wine sold in the State be distributed to~~  
9 ~~the Fund~~; establishing the Department of Agriculture as the holder of the Fund  
10 for certain administrative purposes; authorizing certain deductions by the  
11 Department for administering the Fund; establishing certain eligible activities  
12 paid for by the Fund; establishing the Board of Public Works as the final  
13 approving authority on grants from the Fund; and generally relating to the  
14 Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Fund and the Maryland Wine and Grape  
15 Promotion Council.

16 BY adding to

1 Article - Agriculture  
 2 Section 2-1101 through 2-1103 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 11.  
 3 Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Fund and Council"  
 4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 5 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

6 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~  
 7 ~~Article - Tax - General~~  
 8 ~~Section 2-301~~  
 9 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~  
 10 ~~(2004 Replacement Volume)~~

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
 12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Agriculture**

14 **SUBTITLE 11. MARYLAND WINE AND GRAPE PROMOTION FUND AND COUNCIL.**

15 2-1101.

16 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
 17 INDICATED.

18 (B) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE MARYLAND WINE AND GRAPE PROMOTION  
 19 COUNCIL.

20 (C) "FUND" MEANS THE MARYLAND WINE AND GRAPE PROMOTION FUND.

21 2-1102.

22 (A) THERE IS A MARYLAND WINE AND GRAPE PROMOTION FUND.

23 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO  
 24 NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND TO CONDUCT OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR  
 25 THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING:

26 (1) THE PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF MARYLAND WINE IN THE  
 27 STATE; AND

28 (2) THE PRODUCTION OF GRAPES IN THE STATE.

29 (C) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO §  
 30 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

31 (D) THE SECRETARY SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY AND THE  
 32 COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

1 (E) THE DEPARTMENT MAY DEDUCT NOT MORE THAN 2% OF THE PROCEEDS  
 2 PAID INTO THE FUND FOR ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE  
 3 DEPARTMENT.

4 (F) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

5 (1) ~~REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND UNDER § 2-301(B) OF THE TAX~~  
 6 ~~GENERAL ARTICLE;~~

7 ~~(2)~~ MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND; AND

8 ~~(3)~~ (2) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR  
 9 THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

10 (G) THE FUND MAY ONLY BE USED FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES RELATED  
 11 TO THE PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF MARYLAND WINE AND THE  
 12 PRODUCTION OF GRAPES IN THE STATE:

13 (1) GRANTS;

14 ~~(2)~~ MARKETING;

15 ~~(3)~~ (3) RESEARCH;

16 ~~(4)~~ (4) ADVERTISING;

17 ~~(5)~~ (5) RETAILER PROMOTIONS;

18 ~~(6)~~ (6) FESTIVAL PROMOTIONS;

19 ~~(7)~~ (7) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE COUNCIL; AND

20 ~~(8)~~ (8) EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS.

21 (H) ~~UPON~~ ON RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COUNCIL, THE BOARD OF PUBLIC  
 22 WORKS SHALL APPROVE EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND IN THE FORMS OF GRANTS  
 23 TO NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.

24 2-1103.

25 (A) THERE IS A MARYLAND WINE AND GRAPE PROMOTION COUNCIL.

26 (B) THE COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF:

27 (1) THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

28 (2) THE SECRETARY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, OR  
 29 THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE; AND

30 (3) THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, OR THE  
 31 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE.

1 (C) WITH THE ADVICE OF THE MARYLAND WINE AND GRAPE ADVISORY  
2 COMMITTEE, THE COUNCIL SHALL RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
3 GRANTS TO BE DISBURSED TO NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN  
4 ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1102(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

5 ~~Article—Tax—General~~

6 ~~2-301.~~

7 (a) ~~From the alcoholic beverage tax revenue, the Comptroller shall distribute~~  
8 ~~the amount necessary to administer the alcoholic beverage tax laws to an~~  
9 ~~administrative cost account.~~

10 (b) ~~AFTER MAKING THE DISTRIBUTION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF~~  
11 ~~THIS SECTION, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DISTRIBUTE TO THE MARYLAND WINE~~  
12 ~~AND GRAPE PROMOTION FUND:~~

13 (1) ~~5% OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TAX REVENUE GENERATED FROM~~  
14 ~~WINE SOLD IN THE STATE IN FISCAL YEAR 2006;~~

15 (2) ~~7.5% OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TAX REVENUE GENERATED~~  
16 ~~FROM WINE SOLD IN THE STATE IN FISCAL YEAR 2007; AND~~

17 (3) ~~10% OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TAX REVENUE GENERATED~~  
18 ~~FROM WINE SOLD IN THE STATE IN FISCAL YEAR 2008 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR~~  
19 ~~THEREAFTER.~~

20 (C) ~~After making the distribution required under [subsection] SUBSECTION~~  
21 ~~(a) AND (B) of this section, the Comptroller shall distribute the remaining alcoholic~~  
22 ~~beverage tax revenue to the General Fund of the State.~~

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 July 1, 2005.