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BY: Senator Raskin

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 858, AS AMENDED

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee Amendments (SB0858/774239/1), in line 3 of Amendment No. 1, after “permit.” insert “requiring the Comptroller to submit a certain report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date on the viability and efficacy of instituting in Maryland the policy of permitting direct shipment of wine to consumers in the State.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 12 of the bill, after line 3, insert:

“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) On or before November 1, 2010, the Comptroller shall submit a report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the viability and efficacy of instituting in Maryland the policy of permitting direct shipment of wine to consumers in the State.

(b) The report shall include:

(1) an evaluation of the best practices used by the 37 states and the District of Columbia that allow direct wine shipment;

(2) an evaluation of related fiscal, tax, and other public policy and regulatory issues; and

(3) a determination regarding:

(Over)

(i) the best practices for preventing access by underage drinkers to wine that is shipped directly to consumers;

(ii) any significant increase or decrease in access to or demand for wine by underage drinkers that has been documented as the result of direct wine shipment laws;

(iii) the best practices for collecting relevant tax revenues;

(iv) the benefits and costs to consumers; and

(v) the effect of direct wine shipment laws on in-state wineries and other local businesses.”;

and in lines 4 and 10, strike “3.” and “4.”, respectively, and substitute “4.” and “5.”, respectively.