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BILL NUMBER: SB 322

SHORT TITLE: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES- CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERY LICENSE-
FOOD SERVICE

MDA POSITION: SUPPORT

SB 322, if passed, will amend the current Class 4 Limited Winery License, making it similar to the Class 8 Farm Brewery License law. The expansion of the foods as well as the time during which foods are allowed to be served will increase the viability of wineries across the State. As farmers are looking to increase on farm value added practices and profitability, the food service opportunities at wineries need to be expanded. Having expanded food opportunities will strengthen the viability of the winery by providing additional revenue streams. These food opportunities will also improve the customer experience at the winery.

MDA supports SB 322 and thanks you for your consideration of a favorable report.

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