WEST virginia Legislature

**FISCAL NOTE**

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House Bill 2833

By Delegate Clark

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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §60-7-6B, relating to permitting Class A licensees through the West Virginia ABC to sell wine; clarifying limits; and providing for an effective date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 19. licenses to private clubs

§60-7-6B. Permitting Class A licensees to sell wine; limits; effective date.

*(a) Legislative findings* - Presently, those with Class A licenses represent resorts or 18-hole golf courses. Because these licensees are permitted to sell and consume alcohol on the property - not just on the premises – it is difficult to verify whether the product sold was consumed or was taken home.

*(b) Wine sales as retail store* - All Class A resort licensees through the West Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Commissioner shall be permitted to sell wine as a retail store. This shall specifically apply to Class A-412 licensees, which is 14; A-512 licensees, which is 10; and A-513 licensees, which is 2.

*(c) Clarifying limits for wine sales* - Currently, a Class A licensee may sell 1 bottle of wine per customer in a retail fashion.

*(d) No additional fee* - There is no restriction on the amount of bottles to be sold, and the licensee may sell as many bottles as the buyer wants to purchase. This shall be an added amenity of the license currently held by Class A licensees, and this section shall not incur an additional fee to the license holder.

*(e) Effective date* – This section shall become effective July 1, 2021.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow Class A licensees under the ABC to be permitted to sell wine.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.