



**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

This bill would have minimal impact on the department's performance.

**RELATIONSHIP**

A portion of this bill is a duplicate of Senate Bill 72. Please see synopsis.

**SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The Alcohol and Gaming Division has met with representatives from the industry on numerous occasions to discuss their desire to create a provision in the Liquor Control Act that would enable numerous winegrower licensees to join together at a common facility for the purpose of having a single facility at which many or all New Mexico wines could be sold from one retail premise. For example, the industry may be interested in creating a license that would allow retail outlets such as the Traditions facility at Budaghers or the Albuquerque International Airport to offer tastings and sales of various New Mexico wines. Currently only a full dispenser's license would permit this activity.

Recognizing that the intent of the bill may be to allow winegrowers to join with other licensed winegrowers to sell wine produced by or for winegrowers at a common facility, it is the Division's position that the proposed language would not enable winegrowers to join at a common facility where each winegrower would sell and profit from their own product.

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