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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Silva DATE TYPED 02/17/05 HB 425/aHBIC

SHORT TITLE Intrastate Wine Shipping and Sales SB _____

ANALYST Ford

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
			NFI		

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD)
Department of Agriculture (NMDA)
Department of Public Safety (DPS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HBIC Amendment

The House Business and Industry Committee amendment places a limit on a winegrower's intrastate shipments of wine at 200 cases per calendar year.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 425 removes winegrowers' limitations on intrastate shipments of wine and allows winegrowers to sell wine by the glass at off-premise locations.

Significant Issues

Current law limits intrastate shipment by winegrowers to not more than 100 cases per calendar year. House Bill 425 would remove that limitation. Current law allows winegrowers, at no more than three off-premises locations, to conduct wine tastings and sell wine in unbroken packages. House Bill 425 would also allow the winegrower to sell wine by the glass at such locations.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

DPS notes a possible increase in law enforcement costs.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The Department of Agriculture writes that this bill could benefit the 22 wineries in New Mexico by making it more feasible to conduct business and by boosting sales.

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