

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 596

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1
2 RELATING TO THE IDAHO GRAPE GROWERS AND WINE PRODUCERS COMMISSION; AMENDING
3 SECTION 54-3605, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION IS NOT AU-
4 THORIZED TO ENGAGE AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES AND
5 TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Section 54-3605, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
8 amended to read as follows:

9 54-3605. POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMISSION. The commission shall have,
10 but is not limited to, the following powers and duties:

11 (1) To elect a chairman and such other officers as it deems advisable.

12 (2) To appoint and employ, and at its pleasure discharge, all necessary
13 agents, employees and professional personnel and other personnel, including
14 experts in agriculture and the publicizing of wines, and to prescribe their
15 duties and fix their compensation. Nothing in this subsection shall autho-
16 riize the commission to engage the services of an independent contractor for
17 the purpose of lobbying or to serve as a lobbyist as those terms are defined
18 in section 67-6602, Idaho Code.

19 (3) To establish offices and incur expense and enter into contracts and
20 to create such liabilities as may be reasonable for the proper administra-
21 tion and enforcement of this act.

22 (4) To find new markets for Idaho grape products.

23 (5) To give, publicize and promulgate reliable information showing the
24 value of Idaho grape products for any purpose for which they are found useful
25 and profitable.

26 (6) To investigate and participate in studies of the problems relevant
27 to the growers of grapes in the state of Idaho.

28 (7) To take such action as the commission deems necessary or advisable
29 in order to promote Idaho grape products.

30 (8) To enter into such contracts as may be necessary or advisable.

31 (9) To make use of such advertising means and methods as the commission
32 deems advisable and to enter into contracts and agreements for research and
33 advertising within and without the state of Idaho.

34 (10) To cooperate with any local, state or national organization or
35 agency, whether voluntary or created by the law of any state, or the United
36 States, engaged in work or activity similar to the work and activities of the
37 commission, and to enter into contracts and agreements with such organiza-
38 tions or agencies for carrying on a joint campaign of research, education,
39 product protection, publicity and reciprocal enforcement of these objects.

40 (11) To protect brands, marks, packages, brand names or trademarks be-
41 ing promoted by the commission.

42 (12) To do any and all things that will promote Idaho grape products.

1 (13) To keep an accurate record of all its dealings, which shall be open
2 to inspection by the state controller.

3 (14) To sue and be sued.

4 (15) To adopt and from time to time alter, rescind, modify and/or amend
5 all proper and necessary rules and orders for the exercise of its powers and
6 performance of its duties under this act.