

SENATE BILL 303

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 2; Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 22; Title 43, Chapter 30 and Title 57, Chapter 3, relative to the viticulture advisory board.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-302(a), is amended by adding the following at the end of the subsection:

Six percent (6%) of the revenue derived from the tax is appropriated to the department of agriculture for the exclusive use of the viticulture advisory board, created pursuant to § 43-30-102. This appropriation is recurring. Any unexpended funds remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year must be carried over to the next succeeding fiscal year for the use of the viticulture advisory board.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-306, is amended by deleting the language "Except for the distribution as provided in subsection (a)" and substituting instead the language "Except for the distribution as provided in subsection (a) and § 57-3-302(a)".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 43-30-102(a), is amended by inserting the language "within the department of agriculture" after the word "created".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 43-30-102, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(j) The department of agriculture shall provide administrative support to the viticulture advisory board.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 43-30-104(c), is amended by deleting the following language: "and a budget request through the procedures established by law".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 43, Chapter 30, is amended by adding the following new section:

43-30-105. Grape and Wine Fund.

(a) The viticulture advisory board may use funds appropriated to it for the following purposes:

(1) Viticulture research and industry outreach at state universities and community colleges;

(2) Fermentation science research and outreach for enology at state universities and community colleges;

(3) Increasing in-state grape production;

(4) Developing and marketing the industry of wine manufactured in this state; and

(5) Employing an executive director and support staff.

(b) The viticulture advisory board may enter into contracts, provide grants, and take all other actions in furtherance of the goals set forth in this chapter.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.