

**ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION -
2008**

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB1103

Hearing Date: February 25, 2008

Committee On: General Affairs

Introducer(s): (Karpisek)

Title: Change provisions relating to sale of farm winery wines

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Placed on General File

Vote Results:

7 Yes	Senators Dierks, Dubas, Erdman, Janssen, Karpisek, McDonald, Preister
0 No	
1 Absent	Senators Friend
0 Present, not voting	

Proponents:

Sen. Karpisek
Hobert Rupe
Mick McDowell

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Liquor Control Commission
Nebraska Wine & Grape Growers Assoc.

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or change:

LB 1103 clarifies the 75% Nebraska product requirement on farm wineries regarding juice concentrates and allows farm wineries to purchase certain distilled spirits from licensed Nebraska distilleries for the production of wine.

Details

Section 1 amends §53-103, the definitions section of the Liquor Control Act, by changing the definition of “farm winery” so that it includes farm wineries described in 53-123.13

Section 2 amends §53-123.11, which lists the rights to which farm wineries are entitled, by adding the ability sell wine produced at other licensed farm wineries in Nebraska and to purchase distilled spirits from licensed Nebraska microdistilleries made from Nebraska-licensed farm winery wine for the production of fortified wine.

Section 3 amends §53-123.13, relating to exceptions to the 75% requirement on farm wineries to use Nebraska products in their winemaking, by clarifying how concentrated juice from grapes or other fruit is to be counted towards the exception.

Section 4 repeals the original sections.

Senator Vickie McDonald, Chairperson