



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 1103

Chairperson: Vickie McDonald
Committee: General Affairs
Date of Hearing: February 25, 2008

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 1103 proposes to clarify the 25% rule when a farm winery is granted a waiver in as much as, any product purchased as concentrated juice from grapes or other fruits from outside of Nebraska, when reconstituted from concentrate may not exceed in total volume along with other products purchased the total percentage of allowed by the waiver. Any product purchased under the waiver or as part of the 25% of allowable product purchased that is not Nebraska grown for the production of wine shall not exceed the 25% volume allowed under state law if made from concentrated grapes or other fruit, when reconstituted.

LB 1103 also allows farm wineries to sell wine produced at their winery to other Nebraska farm winery licensees, in bulk, bottled, labeled or unlabeled in accordance with federal regulations and allows the purchase of distilled spirits from licensed micro distilleries in Nebraska, in bulk or bottled, made entirely from Nebraska-licensed farm winery wine to be used in the production of fortified wine at the purchasing licensed farm winery. This will allow farm wineries to increase their product line to include ports.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Russ Karpisek