

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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HOUSE BILL 1872

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE EQUALIZE ARKANSAS NATIVE WINE
GRANTS ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CREATE THE EQUALIZE ARKANSAS NATIVE
WINE GRANTS ACT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 3-5-904(a), as amended by Acts 2017, No. 508, § 4, concerning eligibility of small farm wineries for incentive grants, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) A winery is eligible to receive a grant under this subchapter if the winery:

~~(1)(A)~~ Has been actively involved in the sale of wine as an Arkansas-bonded winery for five (5) years; or

~~(2)(B)~~ Has a federal license;

~~(3)(C)~~ Was licensed by the State of Arkansas as of January 1, 2016, shall be eligible to receive grants under the provisions of this subchapter;

~~(4)(D)~~ Cultivates and maintains two (2) or more acres of marketable grapes in Arkansas using standard commercial vineyard cultivation practices;

~~(5)(E)~~ Produces by fermentation a minimum of eight hundred gallons (800 gals.) of wine on the winery premises in the previous calendar year; and

~~(6)(F)~~ Received a certification of eligibility under this



section from the Arkansas Wine Producers Council.

(2)(A) A winery or wine production facility is eligible for only one (1) grant payment under this subchapter.

(B) A winery or a group of wineries operating with more than one (1) federal permit or more than one (1) state permit, or both, which in any manner share the production facilities or bonded wine premises of the winery or group of wineries or which operates under an alternating proprietorship or a custom crush arrangement as defined by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau of the United States Department of the Treasury is eligible for only one (1) grant payment under this subchapter.

/s/C. Fite