

HOUSE BILL 499

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, Chapter 3 and Title 57, Chapter 5, relative to definitions of beer and wine.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-101(a)(8), is amended by deleting the language "eight percent (8%) by weight and not more than twenty percent (20%) by weight" and substituting instead the language "eighteen percent (18%) by volume".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-802, is amended by deleting subdivision (2) and substituting instead the following:

"Wine" means the product of the normal alcoholic fermentation of the juice of fresh, sound, ripe grapes or other fruit, of an alcohol content not to exceed eighteen percent (18%) by volume. No other product shall be called "wine" unless designated by appropriate prefixes descriptive of the fruit or other product from which the same was predominantly produced, or unless the product is an artificial or imitation wine and over seventy five percent (75%) of the product consists of wine made from grapes or other fruit. Any alcoholic beverage not made from grapes or other fruit and having an alcoholic content of eighteen percent (18%) by volume or less shall be classified as beer for purposes of this part.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-5-101(b), is amended by deleting the language "of not more than eight percent (8%) by weight" and substituting instead the language "not to exceed eighteen percent (18%) by volume".

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.