

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 659

Short Title: Grape Growers Earmarking Change.

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Sponsors: Senator Kerr.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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April 2, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CAP ON THE AMOUNT OF WINE TAX PROCEEDS  
2 EARMARKED FOR PROMOTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GRAPE  
3 INDUSTRY.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 105-113.81A reads as rewritten:

7 **"§ 105-113.81A. Distribution of part of wine taxes attributable to North Carolina**  
8 **wine.**

9 The Secretary shall on a quarterly basis credit to the Department of Agriculture  
10 ninety-four percent (94%) of the net proceeds of the excise tax collected on unfortified  
11 wine bottled in North Carolina during the previous quarter and ninety-five percent (95%)  
12 of the net proceeds of the excise tax collected on fortified wine bottled in North Carolina  
13 during the previous quarter, ~~provided that the amount credited to the Department of Agriculture~~  
14 ~~under this section shall not exceed ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) per fiscal year.~~ quarter.  
15 The Department of Agriculture shall allocate the funds received under this section to the  
16 North Carolina Grape Growers Council to be used to promote the North Carolina grape  
17 and wine industry and to contract for research and development services to improve  
18 viticultural and enological practices in North Carolina. Any funds credited to the  
19 Department of Agriculture under this section that are not expended by June 30 of any

1 fiscal year may not revert to the General Fund, but shall remain available to the  
2 Department for the uses set forth in this section."

3 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.