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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 106

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create the Louisiana Direct-to-Consumer Wine Task Force to study the potential issues that may arise by allowing wineries to ship directly to consumers in Louisiana and to recommend any regulations or legislation that the task force deems necessary or appropriate.

WHEREAS, several legislative instruments have been introduced to authorize the direct shipping of wine to consumers; and

WHEREAS, the direct shipping of wine to consumers may have an impact on the revenue of the state and on the wholesale and retail markets; and

WHEREAS, the sale of alcoholic beverages is regulated by the office of alcohol and tobacco control, and the permitting of industry members by the office of alcohol and tobacco control is designed to provide regulators the platform to enforce the applicable rules and laws in order to provide for a safe marketplace; and

WHEREAS, it is urgent that the state consider the benefits other states are experiencing with the increased revenue provided by direct wine shipping prior to expanding direct to consumer shipping.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create the Louisiana Direct-to-Consumer Wine Task Force to study the issues that may arise if regulations and laws expand direct-to-consumer wine deliveries and to recommend any action or legislation that the task force deems necessary and appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of the following nine members:

(1) The commissioner of the office of alcohol and tobacco control, or his designee, who shall serve as the chairperson of the task force.

- (2) The speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee.
- (3) The president of the Senate or his designee.
- (4) The chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary B or his designee.
- (5) The chair of the House Judiciary Committee or his designee.
- (6) The secretary of the Department of Revenue or his designee.
- (7) The chair of the House Ways and Means Committee or his designee.
- (8) The chair of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs or his designee.
- (9) The president of the Louisiana Association of Tax Administrators, or his designee who is a member of the association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall meet as necessary and shall report its findings and recommendations to the legislature not later than January 1, 2022, and shall terminate upon the date of such report or January 1, 2022, whichever occurs first.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of alcohol and tobacco control shall be responsible for designating staff of the office of alcohol and tobacco control to assist the task force in performing its duties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Direct-to-Consumer Wine Task Force shall submit one print copy and one electronic copy of any report produced pursuant to this Resolution to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of alcohol and tobacco control and the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Revenue.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE