

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 970  
Finance Committee Substitute Adopted 8/22/01

Short Title: Grape Growers Council Funds.

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Referred to:

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April 5, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF WINE TAX PROCEEDS  
2 EARMARKED ANNUALLY FOR THE GRAPE GROWERS COUNCIL.  
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 105-113.81A reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 105-113.81A. Distribution of part of wine taxes attributable to North Carolina**  
7 **wine.**

8 The Secretary shall on a quarterly basis credit to the Department of Agriculture and  
9 Consumer Services ~~ninety four percent (94%)~~ of the net proceeds of the excise tax  
10 collected on unfortified wine bottled in North Carolina during the previous quarter and  
11 ~~ninety five percent (95%)~~ of the net proceeds of the excise tax collected on fortified  
12 wine bottled in North Carolina during the previous quarter, except that the amount  
13 credited to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services under this section  
14 shall not exceed ~~one hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$175,000)~~ three hundred  
15 fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) per fiscal year. The Department of Agriculture and  
16 Consumer Services shall allocate the funds received under this section to the North  
17 Carolina Grape Growers Council to be used to promote the North Carolina grape and  
18 wine industry and to contract for research and development services to improve  
19 viticultural and enological practices in North Carolina. Any funds credited to the  
20 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services under this section that are not  
21 expended by June 30 of any fiscal year may not revert to the General Fund, but shall  
22 remain available to the Department for the uses set forth in this section."

23 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2001, and applies to  
24 distributions made on or after that date.