

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act directing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to convene a work group to*
3 *evaluate the needs of the Virginia Winery Distribution Company.*

4 [H 1336]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. § 1.** *That the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Department) shall convene a work*
8 *group consisting of representatives of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority, the Virginia*
9 *Wineries Association, the Virginia Wine Wholesalers Association, the Virginia Beer Wholesalers*
10 *Association, and the Virginia Craft Brewers Guild and other relevant stakeholders to (i) conduct*
11 *research to determine the appropriate fee structure and general fund appropriation necessary to*
12 *adequately address staffing needs and perform information technology system upgrades for the purpose*
13 *of accommodating winery, farm winery, and limited brewery licensees that wish to utilize the services of*
14 *the Virginia Winery Distribution Company, created by the Department; (ii) evaluate the number of*
15 *barrels of beer allowed to be distributed by a limited brewery licensee over the course of one year; and*
16 *(iii) review and evaluate alternative avenues of distribution, other than distribution through the Virginia*
17 *Winery Distribution Company, that could be made available to limited brewery licensees. The work*
18 *group shall report its findings and recommendations to the Board of Directors of the Virginia Winery*
19 *Distribution Company (the Board) for approval. The Board shall report any approved findings and*
20 *recommendations of the work group to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and*
21 *Social Services and the House Committee on General Laws no later than October 1, 2022.*

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