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Senator John Griesheimer's Bill to Improve Wine Production Laws Receives Senate Committee Approval

JEFFERSON CITY — A Senate committee approved a bill this week (2/10) proposed by Senator John Griesheimer, R-Washington, that provides a legal definition of who is considered a Missouri wine manufacturer and removes a law that currently prohibits Missouri wine manufacturers from sharing facilities for wine production.

Senator Griesheimer's [Senate Bill 171](#), approved by the Senate General Laws Committee, would require any person, partnership, association or corporation that produces more than 200 gallons of wine each year to obtain a state wine manufacturer's license. The proposed legislation would also allow wine manufacturers to legally produce wine for other manufacturers who have a federally approved manufacturing label. Currently, it's common practice in the wine industry worldwide to share wine manufacturing facilities.

"The purpose of this legislation is to protect the wine industry by establishing a measure of how much wine somebody can produce at home before they are considered a professional operation that requires a license," Sen. Griesheimer said. "The bill also gets Missouri in line with the common wine manufacturing practices of today by making it legal for wine manufacturers to share the use of their facilities."

[Senate Bill 171](#), endorsed by the Missouri Wine & Grape Board, now moves to the Senate floor for debate.

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