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98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MUNZLINGER.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 262.823, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the goals of the Missouri wine and grape board.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 262.823, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 262.823, to read as follows:

262.823. The purpose of the board shall be to further the growth and
2 development of the grape growing industry in the state of Missouri. The board
3 shall have a correlate purpose of fostering the expansion of the grape market for
4 Missouri grapes. To effectuate these goals, the board may:

5 (1) Participate in cooperation with state, regional, national, or
6 international activities, groups, and organizations whose objectives are that of
7 developing new and better grape varieties to determine their suitability for
8 growing in Missouri;

9 (2) Participate in and develop research projects on improved wine-making
10 methods utilizing the new grape varieties to be grown in Missouri;

11 (3) Utilize the individual and collective expertise of the board members
12 as well as experts in the fields of enology and viticulture selected by the board,
13 to update and improve the quality of grapes grown in Missouri and advanced
14 methods of producing wines from these Missouri grapes;

15 (4) Furnish current information and associated data on research
16 conducted by and for the board to grape growers and vintners in Missouri as well
17 as to interested persons considering entering these fields within the state; and

18 (5) Participate in subsequent studies, programs, research, and information
19 and data dissemination in the areas of sales, promotions, and effective
20 distribution of Missouri wines, **and to oversee and provide any professional**

21 or legal services to promote such marketing goals.

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