

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

HB 2640 requires winery licensees to submit a report of wine shipments quarterly to the ABLE Commission on a quarterly basis instead of annually. The measure outlines additional information the report must contain. The measure also prohibits any winery from shipping wine directly to consumers unless they hold a Direct Wine Shipper's Permit and establishes a maximum penalty of \$1,500.00 for the first offense, \$2,500.00 for the second offense, and \$5,000.00 for third and subsequent offenses. Common carriers that fail to file the shipment report shall also be fined a maximum fine of \$500.00. Carriers shall be required to verify if the winery holds a Direct Wine Shipper's Permit and to obtain the signature of a person who is 21 years of age or older when delivering alcoholic liquor. Any carrier that fails to comply with this requirement shall be fined a maximum penalty of \$1,500.00 for the first offense, \$2,500.00 for the second offense, and \$5,000.00 for third and subsequent offenses. The ABLE Commission is directed to audit and inspect the records of both Direct Wine Shipper's Permit holders as well as the common carriers.

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