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**A B I L L**

To amend section 924.52 of the Revised Code to revise 1  
the duties of the Ohio Grape Industries Committee. 2

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 924.52 of the Revised Code be amended 3  
to read as follows: 4

**Sec. 924.52.** (A) The Ohio grape industries committee may: 5

(1) Conduct, and contract with others to conduct, research, 6  
including the study, analysis, dissemination, and accumulation of 7  
information obtained from the research or elsewhere, concerning 8  
the marketing and distribution of grapes and grape products, the 9  
storage, refrigeration, processing, and transportation of them, 10  
and the production and product development of grapes and grape 11  
products. ~~The committee shall expend for these activities no less 12  
than thirty per cent and no more than seventy per cent of all 13  
money it receives from the Ohio grape industries fund created 14  
under section 924.54 of the Revised Code.~~ 15

(2) Provide the wholesale and retail trade with information 16  
relative to proper methods of handling and selling grapes and 17  
grape products; 18

(3) Make or contract for market surveys and analyses, 19  
undertake any other similar activities that it determines are 20  
appropriate for the maintenance and expansion of present markets 21  
and the creation of new and larger markets for grapes and grape 22  
products, and make, in the name of the committee, contracts to 23  
render service in formulating and conducting plans and programs 24  
and such other contracts or agreements as the committee considers 25  
necessary for the promotion of the sale of grapes and grape 26  
products. ~~The committee shall expend for these activities no less 27~~  
~~than thirty per cent and no more than seventy per cent of all 28~~  
~~money it receives from the fund.;~~ 29

(4) Publish and distribute to producers and others 30  
information relating to the grape and grape product industries; 31

(5) Propose to the director of agriculture for adoption, 32  
rescission, or amendment, pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised 33  
Code, rules necessary for the exercise of its powers and the 34  
performance of its duties; 35

(6) Advertise for, post notices seeking, or otherwise solicit 36  
applicants to serve in administrative positions in the department 37  
of agriculture as employees who support the administrative 38  
functions of the committee. Applications shall be submitted to the 39  
committee. The committee shall select applicants that it wishes to 40  
recommend for employment and shall submit a list of the 41  
recommended applicants to the director. 42

(7) For the public purpose of promoting the grape industry, 43  
provide to wine producers and persons that grow grapes in this 44  
state grape plants, grape vines, equipment, and material to assist 45  
in the production of grapes and grape products. 46

(B) The committee shall: 47

(1) Promote the sale of grapes and grape products for the 48  
purpose of maintaining and expanding present markets and creating 49

new and larger intrastate, interstate, and foreign markets for 50  
grapes and grape products, and inform the public of the uses and 51  
benefits of grapes and grape products; 52

(2) Perform all acts and exercise all powers incidental to, 53  
in connection with, or considered reasonably necessary, proper, or 54  
advisable to effectuate the purposes of this section. 55

**Section 2.** That existing section 924.52 of the Revised Code 56  
is hereby repealed. 57