

By Senator Dean

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Farm Winery Program;
3 amending s. 599.004, F.S.; revising the standards a
4 winery must meet in order to qualify as a certified
5 Florida Farm Winery; providing an effective date.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
10 599.004, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11 599.004 Florida Farm Winery Program; registration; logo;
12 fees.—

13 (1) The Florida Farm Winery Program is established within
14 the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Under this
15 program, a winery may qualify as a tourist attraction only if it
16 is registered with and certified by the department as a Florida
17 Farm Winery. A winery may not claim to be certified unless it
18 has received written approval from the department.

19 (a) To qualify as a certified Florida Farm Winery, a winery
20 shall meet the following standards:

21 1. Produce or sell less than 250,000 gallons of wine
22 annually.

23 2. Maintain a minimum of 10 acres of owned or managed land
24 ~~vineyards~~ in Florida which produces commodities used in the
25 production of wine.

26 3. Be open to the public for tours, tastings, and sales at
27 least 30 hours each week.

28 4. Make annual application to the department for
29 recognition as a Florida Farm Winery, on forms provided by the

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30 department.

31 5. Pay an annual application and registration fee of \$100.

32 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.