

(3) IDENTIFY STRATEGIES TO FACILITATE GROWTH OF VITICULTURE OF THE STATE;

(4) STUDY THE POLICIES OF THE WINE AND GRAPE INDUSTRIES OF OTHER STATES AND IDENTIFY WHICH, IF ANY, POLICIES SHOULD BE ADOPTED BY THE WINE AND GRAPE INDUSTRY OF THIS STATE; AND

(5) ISSUE AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR ON THE COMMISSION'S FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

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On recommendation of the Board, the Secretary has the following powers and duties:

(1) To receive and dispense funds;

(2) To enter into contracts for the purpose of developing new or improved markets or marketing methods for wine and grape products;

(3) To contract for research services to improve viticultural and enological practices in Maryland;

(4) To make recommendations as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this subtitle with respect to vines and wines used or produced in Maryland;

(5) To enter into agreements with any local, State, or national organization or agency engaged in education for the purpose of disseminating information on wine or other viticultural projects;

(6) To enter into contracts with commercial entities for the purpose of developing marketing, advertising, and other promotional programs designed to promote the growth of the Maryland wine industry; and

(7) To acquire any licenses or permits necessary for the Board to perform its duties.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 2005.

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AN ACT concerning

**Agriculture - Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Fund and Council -
Establishment**