

FOR the purpose of establishing a Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Fund for certain purposes; establishing a Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Council; providing for the membership of the Council; requiring the Council to make certain recommendations to the Board of Public Works regarding certain grants; ~~requiring certain alcohol tax proceeds on wine sold in the State be distributed to the Fund~~; establishing the Department of Agriculture as the holder of the Fund for certain administrative purposes; authorizing certain deductions by the Department for administering the Fund; establishing certain eligible activities paid for by the Fund; establishing the Board of Public Works as the final approving authority on grants from the Fund; and generally relating to the Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Fund and the Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Council.

BY adding to

Article - Agriculture

Section 2-1101 through 2-1103 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 11.
Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Fund and Council"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Article - Tax - General~~

~~Section 2-301~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2004 Replacement Volume)~~

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Agriculture

SUBTITLE 11. MARYLAND WINE AND GRAPE PROMOTION FUND AND COUNCIL.

2-1101.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE MARYLAND WINE AND GRAPE PROMOTION COUNCIL.

(C) "FUND" MEANS THE MARYLAND WINE AND GRAPE PROMOTION FUND.

2-1102.

(A) THERE IS A MARYLAND WINE AND GRAPE PROMOTION FUND.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND TO CONDUCT OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING: