

HOUSE BILL 1271

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By: **Delegates Lisanti and Johnson**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2019

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Fund – Grants to Public Institutions of**
3 **Higher Education – Authorization**

4 FOR the purpose of expanding the purpose of the Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion
5 Fund to include certain grants to public institutions of higher education; and
6 generally relating to public institutions of higher education and the Maryland Wine
7 and Grape Promotion Fund.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Agriculture
10 Section 2–1102
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Agriculture**

16 2–1102.

17 (a) There is a Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Fund.

18 (b) The purpose of the Fund is to provide grants to nongovernmental
19 organizations **AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION** and to conduct other
20 activities for the purpose of promoting:

21 (1) The production and consumption of Maryland wine in the State; and

22 (2) The production of grapes in the State.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) The Fund is a special nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7–302 of the
2 State Finance and Procurement Article.

3 (d) The Secretary shall hold the Fund separately and the Comptroller shall
4 account for the Fund.

5 (e) The Department may deduct not more than 2% of the proceeds paid into the
6 Fund for administration expenses incurred by the Department.

7 (f) The Fund consists of:

8 (1) Money appropriated in the State budget to the Fund;

9 (2) Revenue distributed to the Fund under § 5–105(e) of the Tax – General
10 Article; and

11 (3) Any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit of the
12 Fund.

13 (g) The Fund may only be used for the following purposes related to the
14 production and consumption of Maryland wine and the production of grapes in the State:

15 (1) Grants;

16 (2) Marketing;

17 (3) Research;

18 (4) Advertising;

19 (5) Retailer promotions;

20 (6) Festival promotions; and

21 (7) Educational seminars.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2019.