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HOUSE BILL NO. 2621

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GRIER.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 311, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to Ozark Highlands spirits.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 311, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 311.028, to read as follows:

311.028. 1. To qualify as "Ozark Highlands" spirits, and to be labeled as such for sale in Missouri, a product shall meet the following conditions:

(1) The product shall be mashed, fermented, distilled, aged, and bottled in the Ozark Highlands region;

(2) The product shall be aged in barrels manufactured from Missouri white oak grown in or from the Ozark Highlands;

(3) The water source shall be nonmunicipal water and untreated with chemicals that would harm the natural local environmental conditions such as soil and topography and affect the end product;

(4) The minimum age of whiskey shall be four years; and

(5) Unaged spirits, such as gin and vodka, shall meet the conditions listed in subdivisions (1) to (3) of this subsection.

2. To additionally qualify as "Single Malt", the final product shall be distilled and bottled at a single distillery.

3. The product shall be further certified, by seal or other means, by the "Ozark Highland Distillers Guild" as a qualifying "Ozark Highlands" product.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 **4. For the purposes of this section, the Missouri department of natural resources**
18 **shall produce and publish an official map of the "Ozark Highlands" region.**

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