

ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1506

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1506.

This bill permits restaurants that are not licensed to serve alcoholic beverages to advertise that patrons may bring wine or beer to consume on the restaurant premises.

Under current law, a person who owns or operates a restaurant, dining room or other public place where food or liquid refreshments are sold or served to the general public and who does not have a license authorizing on-premises consumption may allow patrons to bring onto the premises and consume wine or beer in any portion of the premises open to the public (known as “BYOB”). However, current law also provides that the restaurant may not advertise inside or outside of the premises that patrons may bring and consume their own wine or malt alcoholic beverages.

This bill changes current law to permit the owners of restaurants to advertise inside or outside of the premises that patrons may bring wine or beer for consumption in any public portion of the restaurant. The bill further provides that the owner of the restaurant may advertise inside or outside the premises that a winery salesroom has been established on the restaurant premises. Under R.S.33:1-10, a winery may offer samples or sell its products in the original package in a salesroom.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2018-2019 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.