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To: All Wineries Holding a Class 6 Limited Wine Wholesaler's License or Nonresident Winery Permit

Subject: House Bill 614 – Direct Sales to Montgomery County Retailers

On April 10, 2007, House Bill 614 became Chapter 80 of the Acts of 2007, when it was signed into law by Governor Martin O'Malley. This legislation which took effect upon the Governor's signature authorizes the holder of the class 6 limited wine wholesaler's license or the holder of a nonresident winery permit, to sell wine directly to any properly licensed retailer in the state, including any retailer located in Montgomery County, Maryland, authorized to sell wine.

Prior to this legislation, class 6 wholesalers or nonresident winery permittees could only sell wine to licensed Maryland retailers and the Montgomery County Department of Liquor Control but could not make sales directly to Montgomery County retailers.

Should you have any questions concerning the affects of this piece of legislation, please contact Dan Adams, at 410-260-7319.

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