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GRAPE RESEARCH LEVY COLLECTION BILL 1986

Date introduced: 19 March 1986
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. John Brown, M.P., Minister
for Sport, Recreation and Tourism
for the Hon. John Kerin, M.P.,
Minister for Primary Industry

DIGEST OF BILL

Purpose

To provide the machinery for collecting the proposed Grape Research Levy.

Background

Refer to the Digest for the Grape Research Levy Bill (No. 86/21).

Main Provisions

Proposed section 3 defines a number of terms used in the Bill and establishes that where fresh grapes are purchased under an agreement by one processing establishment but delivered to another, the levy will be payable by the proprietor of the first processing establishment.

Payment of the levy will be due on 30 September for the proceeding financial year (proposed section 5).

Proposed section 6 provides that the processor of the grapes is to be liable for payment of the levy. The processor will be allowed to deduct an amount equal to the levy from payments made to the grower.

Failure to pay the levy by the due date may result in a penalty calculated at the rate of 20% per annum on the unpaid amount (proposed section 7).

Proposed section 11 will enable an authorised person to enter premises, with the consent of the occupier, to effect collection of the levy. An authorised person will also be entitled to seek a warrant from a Justice of the Peace authorising entry into premises.

Comment

This Bill is part of a package dealing with the wine and grape industries. The other Bills in the package are:

Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Amendment
Bill 1986
Grape Research Levy Bill 1986
Wine Grapes Levy Amendment Bill 1986
Wine Research Repeal Bill 1986

For further information, if required, contact the Economics and Commerce Group.

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