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PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Rhode Islanders could have wine shipped directly to their door under legislation pending before state lawmakers.

The bill would allow wineries and wine retailers to ship up to 24 cases of wine a year to any resident aged 21 or older.

The business shipping the wine would have to obtain a wine shipment license from the state, and would be responsible for paying state sales and excise taxes.

All shipments would require a signature from someone 21 or older.

Rhode Island currently allows wine shipments only if the consumer has placed the order in person at a winery.

The bill is sponsored by House Minority Leader Brian Newberry, a North Smithfield Republican. It is scheduled to be reviewed Tuesday by the House Committee on Corporations.

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