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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2923**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Pescetti**

February 25, 2002

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~~An act to add Section 421.9 to the Government Code, relating to the official state fruit.~~ *An act relating to the official state emblem for California grown fruit.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2923, as amended, Pescetti. ~~Official state fruit: Zinfandel grape emblem: California grown fruit.~~

*Existing law designates an official state bird and avifaunal emblem, an official state mineral and mineralogic emblem, and an official state rock and lithologic emblem, but does not designate an official state emblem for California grown fruit.*

*This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to designate the cornucopia as the official state emblem for California grown fruit.*

~~Existing law does not designate an official state fruit.~~

~~This bill would designate the Zinfandel grape as the official state fruit.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     ~~SECTION 1.— The Legislature finds and declares all of the~~
- 2     ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to designate the~~
- 3     ~~cornucopia as the official state emblem for California grown fruit.~~
- 4     ~~following:~~
- 5     ~~(a) The Zinfandel grape is an exotic grape variety of possible~~
- 6     ~~European origin that is grown primarily in California, which is the~~
- 7     ~~largest producer of Zinfandel in the world.~~
- 8     ~~(b) Zinfandel grape products are used in products as diverse as~~
- 9     ~~jams, pasta sauce, and wine.~~
- 10    ~~(c) California crushes more Zinfandel than any other red grape.~~
- 11    ~~(d) The Zinfandel grape was first planted in California in the~~
- 12    ~~19th century, and vines in the Sierra Nevada foothills that are at~~
- 13    ~~least 125 years old are still producing grapes.~~
- 14    ~~(e) Zinfandel grape growing was an important part of the Gold~~
- 15    ~~Rush of 1849 and the agricultural growth of the West.~~
- 16    ~~(f) The Zinfandel grape is an embodiment of the settlement and~~
- 17    ~~agricultural civilization of the West.~~
- 18    ~~SEC. 2.— Section 421.9 is added to the Government Code, to~~
- 19    ~~read:~~
- 20    ~~421.9.— The Zinfandel grape is the official state fruit.~~

