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By Representatives Bowman, Riley, Sheldon, Forner, Carlson, Paris, May, Broback, Fuhrman and Edmondson

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1 AN ACT Relating to the sale of liquor by private enterprise; adding
2 new sections to chapter 66.08 RCW; repealing RCW 66.08.020, 66.08.030,
3 and 66.08.050; and providing an effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 66.08 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The legislature finds that there is a conflict of interest under
8 the current system where the liquor control board regulates and
9 enforces all aspects of licensing, enforcement, and retailing of liquor
10 in the state and is the retailer and wholesaler of liquor thus creating
11 an ethical and professional conflict of interest.

12 The legislature declares that the state will be better served when
13 the sale and marketing of liquor at both wholesale and retail levels

1 are left exclusively to private sector entrepreneurs operating in a
2 competitive market system.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 66.08 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 Liquor may be sold at wholesale or retail only by private sector
6 enterprises and then only in accordance with such rules as may be
7 proscribed by the liquor control board.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 66.08 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 The liquor control board shall submit to the legislature, in bill
11 form, proposed rules to license and regulate the private sector sale of
12 liquor. The proposal shall be submitted to the legislature no later
13 than December 15, 1992, and shall be adopted, rejected, or amended and
14 adopted by the legislature.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The following acts or parts of acts are
16 each repealed:

17 (1) RCW 66.08.020 and 1933 ex.s. c 62 s 5;

18 (2) RCW 66.08.030 and 1977 ex.s. c 115 s 1, 1971 c 62 s 1, 1943 c
19 102 s 1, & 1933 ex.s. c 62 s 79; and

20 (3) RCW 66.08.050 and 1986 c 214 s 2, 1983 c 160 s 1, 1975 1st
21 ex.s. c 173 s 1, 1969 ex.s. c 178 s 1, 1963 c 239 s 3, 1935 c 174 s 10,
22 & 1933 ex.s. c 62 s 69.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 2 and 4 of this act shall take
24 effect January 1, 1995.