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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1203

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State of Washington

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By House Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by  
Representatives Chappell and Robertson)

Read first time 02/17/95.

1 AN ACT Relating to alcoholic beverages; adding a new section to  
2 chapter 66.44 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 66.44 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) No person apparently under the influence of liquor may purchase  
7 or consume liquor on any premises licensed by the board.

8 (2) A person's intoxication may not be used as a defense in a  
9 prosecution under this section.

10 (3) As used in this section and RCW 66.44.200, "apparently under  
11 the influence" means the person has liquor on his or her breath and has  
12 impaired motor skills used for body control such as walking, standing,  
13 and balance. The officer may also consider other factors including,  
14 but not limited to: Slurred speech, glassy eyes, and poor hand-eye  
15 coordination.

16 (4) A violation of this section is a civil infraction punishable by  
17 a fine of not more than two hundred fifty dollars.

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