

FINAL BILL REPORT

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SYNOPSIS AS ENACTED

Brief Description: Creating permits for wine shipments to and from individuals.

SPONSORS: Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Senators Newhouse, Jesernig, Murray, Matson, Skratek, Vognild, Bluechel, McCaslin, West, Hayner, Stratton, Patterson, Gaspard, Rinehart, Bauer and Saling).

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

BACKGROUND:

An adult may bring wine for personal use into Washington from another state upon payment of a state markup and tax. The shipment of wine into this state directly to individuals for personal use, however, is not authorized.

Washington wineries are allowed to ship wine directly to persons in other states. This is subject, however, to the laws in those states, which often prohibit that wine from being received.

Seven states, including California and Oregon, have passed reciprocal shipment legislation which would allow individuals in those states to receive wine shipped from Washington if Washington had wine shipment privileges equal to their own. Washington wineries often attract tourists who desire to have the Washington wine shipped to their home or to another out-of-state resident.

SUMMARY:

Wine manufacturers in states which afford Washington wineries an equal reciprocal shipping privilege may ship, for personal use and not for resale, no more than two cases of wine of its own manufacture per year to any adult Washington resident.

Manufacturers wishing to ship into this state must first obtain a license from the State Liquor Control Board. Delivery of a shipment shall not be deemed a sale in Washington.

The shipping container of any wine sent into or out of the state under the act must be labeled to indicate that it cannot be delivered to anyone who is under 21 or intoxicated.

A person who picks up, delivers, or accepts wine shipped into the state from a person who is not licensed is guilty of a civil violation and subject to penalties.

Out-of-state manufacturers, shippers or persons who, within the state, advertise for or solicit consumers to engage in interstate wine shipment shall have any license received under this act revoked.

VOTES ON FINAL PASSAGE:

Senate	40	4
House	94	0

EFFECTIVE: July 28, 1991