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1 AN ACT Relating to discrimination by clubs; and amending RCW  
2 66.24.450.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.24.450 and 1981 1st ex.s. c 5 s 18 are each amended  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) No club shall be entitled to a class H license:

7 ~~((1))~~ (a) Unless such club has been in continuous operation for  
8 at least one year immediately prior to the date of its application for  
9 such license;

10 ~~((2))~~ (b) Unless the club premises be constructed and equipped,  
11 conducted, managed, and operated to the satisfaction of the board and  
12 in accordance with this title and the regulations made thereunder;

13 ~~((3))~~ (c) Unless the board shall have determined pursuant to any  
14 regulations made by it with respect to clubs, that such club is a bona

1 fide club; it being the intent of this section that license shall not  
2 be granted to a club which is, or has been, primarily formed or  
3 activated to obtain a license to sell liquor, but solely to a bona fide  
4 club, where the sale of liquor is incidental to the main purposes of  
5 the club, as defined in RCW 66.04.010(5).

6 (2) Golf and country clubs that offer memberships to both men and  
7 women shall not be entitled to a class H license if they discriminate  
8 on the basis of gender in granting access to facilities and services  
9 that are available to all members. Persons aggrieved by a  
10 discriminatory practice shall file a complaint with the board which  
11 shall investigate the complaint as a violation of this title. If the  
12 board determines that discrimination has occurred, a notice of  
13 revocation shall be issued according to the provisions of RCW  
14 66.08.150. If the licensee requests a hearing, the board shall  
15 promptly notify the complainant of the time and place set for the  
16 hearing, and the complainant shall be entitled to present evidence  
17 relevant to the complaint.

18 (3) If, at any time prior to the hearing provided under RCW  
19 66.08.150, the licensee enters into an agreement to end the  
20 discriminatory practice, the notice of revocation shall be dismissed or  
21 suspended for a period to be determined by the board and, if no further  
22 evidence of a violation of subsection (2) of this section occurs during  
23 that period, the notice of revocation shall be dismissed.