

HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS

HB 2847

Brief Description: Making technical changes regarding designations for liquor licenses.

Sponsors: Representatives McMorris and Conway; by request of Liquor Control Board.

Hearing: February 4, 1998

BACKGROUND:

In 1997, legislation was enacted that changes the designation of liquor licenses from letters of the alphabet to a business description for each license. The law becomes effective July 1, 1998.

A class H liquor license is changed to a full service restaurant license. Under this license, a restaurant may serve beer, wine and spirits by the drink for consumption on the restaurant's premises.

Class A and C licenses allow beer and wine to be served by the glass on the restaurant premises. This combination of licenses has become a limited service restaurant license. Under this license, a restaurant may serve beer and wine by the drink for consumption on the restaurant's premises.

The term wholesaler is changed to distributor.

SUMMARY OF BILL:

The license designation full service- is changed to spirits, beer and wine-. The license designation limited service- is changed to beer and/or wine-.

Consistent with changes in license designations that will become effective July 1, 1998, additional references to a wholesaler are changed to distributor and brewer is changed to a brewery.

RULES AUTHORITY: The bill does not contain provisions addressing the rule making powers of an agency.

FISCAL NOTE: Not requested.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill takes effect July 1, 1998.