

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6539

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Synopsis as Enacted

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

Sponsors: Senators Schow and Heavey; by request of Liquor Control Board.

Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor

House Committee on Commerce & Labor

Background: In 1997, legislation was adopted establishing a new system for defining the various types of liquor licenses issued by the state. This legislation takes effect on July 1, 1998. Two new liquor licenses called the full service restaurant– license and limited service restaurant– license were established as part of last year’s legislation. The full service license allows the sale of beer, wine and spiritous liquor. The limited service license allows the sale of beer and wine. Concerns have been raised regarding the less than specific nature of these licensing designations and the confusion that might arise from such designations.

Summary: Modifications are made to the designations for liquor licenses issued to restaurants. A full service restaurant– license is changed to a spirits, beer and wine restaurant– license. The limited service restaurant– license is changed to a beer and wine restaurant– license.

Changes are made to the license designation for wholesalers and brewers.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48	0	
House	97	0	(House amended)
Senate			(Senate refused to concur)
House	98	0	(House receded)

Effective: July 1, 1998