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HOUSE BILL 1788

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By Representatives Boldt and Appelwick

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1            AN ACT Relating to the restricted use of spirituous liquor at no  
2 charge; and amending RCW 66.28.040, 66.28.150, and 66.28.155.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.28.040 and 1987 c 452 s 15 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            Except as permitted by the board under RCW 66.20.010, no brewer,  
7 wholesaler, distiller, winery, importer, rectifier, or other  
8 manufacturer of liquor shall, within the state, by himself(~~(, his))~~) or  
9 herself, a clerk, servant, or agent, give to any person any liquor; but  
10 nothing in this section nor in RCW 66.28.010 shall prevent a brewer,  
11 wholesaler, winery, distiller, or importer from furnishing samples of  
12 beer (~~(or))~~), wine, or spirituous liquor to authorized licensees for the  
13 purpose of negotiating a sale, in accordance with regulations adopted  
14 by the liquor control board, provided that the samples are subject to  
15 taxes imposed by RCW 66.24.290 and 66.24.210, and in the case of  
16 spirituous liquor, any product used for samples must be purchased at  
17 retail from the board; nothing in this section shall prevent the  
18 furnishing of samples of liquor to the board for the purpose of  
19 negotiating the sale of liquor to the state liquor control board;

1 nothing in this section shall prevent a brewery, winery, distillery, or  
2 wholesaler from furnishing beer ((~~or~~)), wine, or spirituous liquor for  
3 instructional purposes under RCW 66.28.150 and 66.28.155; nothing in  
4 this section shall prevent a winery or wholesaler from furnishing wine  
5 without charge to a not-for-profit group organized and operated solely  
6 for the purpose of enology or the study of viticulture which has been  
7 in existence for at least six months and any wine so furnished shall be  
8 used solely for such educational purposes, provided that the wine  
9 furnished shall be subject to the taxes imposed by RCW 66.24.210;  
10 nothing in this section shall prevent a brewer from serving beer  
11 without charge, on the brewery premises; nothing in this section shall  
12 prevent donations of wine for the purposes of RCW 66.12.180; and  
13 nothing in this section shall prevent a domestic winery from serving  
14 wine without charge, on the winery premises.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 66.28.150 and 1982 1st ex.s. c 26 s 1 are each amended  
16 to read as follows:

17 A brewery, winery, ((~~or~~)) distillery, wholesaler, or its licensed  
18 agent may, without charge, instruct licensees and their employees, or  
19 conduct courses of instruction for licensees and their employees, on  
20 the subject of beer ((~~or~~)), wine, or spirituous liquor, including but  
21 not limited to, the history, nature, values, and characteristics of  
22 beer ((~~or~~)), wine, or spirituous liquor, the use of wine lists, and the  
23 methods of presenting, serving, storing, and handling beer ((~~or~~)),  
24 wine, or spirituous liquor. The brewery, winery, ((~~or~~)) distillery,  
25 wholesaler, or its licensed agent may furnish beer ((~~or~~)), wine, or  
26 spirituous liquor and such other equipment, materials, and utensils as  
27 may be required for use in connection with the instruction or courses  
28 of instruction. The instruction or courses of instruction may be given  
29 at the premises of the brewery, winery, distillery, or wholesaler, at  
30 the premises of a retail licensee, or elsewhere.

31 **Sec. 3.** RCW 66.28.155 and 1984 c 196 s 1 are each amended to read  
32 as follows:

33 A brewery, winery, distillery, wholesaler, or its licensed agent  
34 may conduct educational activities or provide product information to  
35 the consumer on the licensed premises of a retailer. Information on  
36 the subject of wine ((~~or~~)), beer, or spirituous liquor, including but  
37 not limited to, the history, nature, quality, and characteristics of a

1 wine ~~((or))~~, beer, or spirituous liquor, methods of harvest,  
2 production, storage, handling, and distribution of a wine ~~((or))~~, beer,  
3 or spirituous liquor, and the general development of the wine ~~((and))~~,  
4 beer, and spirituous liquor industry may be provided by a brewery,  
5 winery, distillery, wholesaler, or its licensed agent to the public on  
6 the licensed premises of a retailer. The retailer requesting such  
7 activity shall attempt to schedule a series of brewery, winery, or  
8 distillery and wholesaler appearances in an effort to equitably  
9 represent the industries. Nothing in this section permits a brewery,  
10 winery, distillery, wholesaler, or its licensed agent to receive  
11 compensation or financial benefit from the educational activities or  
12 product information presented on the licensed premises of a retailer.  
13 The promotional value of such educational activities or product  
14 information shall not be considered advancement of moneys or of moneys'  
15 worth within the meaning of RCW 66.28.010.

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