
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6253

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By Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Senators Schow, Horn, Swecker, Rasmussen, Goings and T. Sheldon)

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1 AN ACT Relating to credit and debit card purchases in state liquor
2 stores; and amending RCW 66.08.026 and 66.16.041.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.08.026 and 1997 c 148 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 All administrative expenses of the board incurred on and after
7 April 1, 1963 shall be appropriated and paid from the liquor revolving
8 fund. These administrative expenses shall include, but not be limited
9 to: The salaries and expenses of the board and its employees, the cost
10 of establishing, leasing, maintaining, and operating state liquor
11 stores and warehouses, legal services, pilot projects, annual or other
12 audits, and other general costs of conducting the business of the
13 board, and the costs of supplying, installing, and maintaining
14 equipment used in agency liquor vendor stores for the purchase of
15 liquor by nonlicensees using debit or credit cards. The administrative
16 expenses shall not, however, be deemed to include costs of liquor and
17 lottery tickets purchased, the cost of transportation and delivery to
18 the point of distribution, other costs pertaining to the acquisition
19 and receipt of liquor and lottery tickets, packaging and repackaging of

1 liquor, transaction fees associated with credit or debit card purchases
2 for liquor in state liquor stores and in the stores of agency liquor
3 vendors pursuant to RCW 66.16.040 and 66.16.041, sales tax, and those
4 amounts distributed pursuant to RCW 66.08.180, 66.08.190, 66.08.200,
5 66.08.210 and 66.08.220.

6 **Sec. 2.** RCW 66.16.041 and 1997 c 148 s 2 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 (1) The state liquor control board shall accept bank credit card
9 and debit cards from nonlicensees for purchases in state liquor stores,
10 under such rules as the board may adopt. The board shall authorize
11 liquor vendors appointed under RCW 66.08.050 to accept bank credit
12 cards and debit cards for liquor purchases under this title, under such
13 rules as the board may adopt.

14 (2) If a liquor vendor operating an agency store chooses to use
15 credit or debit cards for liquor purchases by nonlicensees, the board
16 shall provide equipment and installation and maintenance of the
17 equipment necessary to implement the use of credit and debit cards.
18 Any equipment provided by the board to an agency liquor vendor store
19 for this purpose may be used only for the purchase of liquor.

20 (3) The board shall provide a report evaluating the implementation
21 of this section to the appropriate committees of the legislature by
22 January 1, 1998.

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