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**SENATE BILL 6483**

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**By Senator West**

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1 AN ACT Relating to the transfer of the enforcement authority for  
2 cigarette and tobacco taxes from the department of revenue to the  
3 liquor control board; and amending RCW 66.44.010.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.44.010 and 1987 c 202 s 224 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) All county and municipal peace officers are hereby charged with  
8 the duty of investigating and prosecuting all violations of this title,  
9 and the penal laws of this state relating to the manufacture,  
10 importation, transportation, possession, distribution and sale of  
11 liquor, and all fines imposed for violations of this title and the  
12 penal laws of this state relating to the manufacture, importation,  
13 transportation, possession, distribution and sale of liquor shall  
14 belong to the county, city or town wherein the court imposing the fine  
15 is located, and shall be placed in the general fund for payment of the  
16 salaries of those engaged in the enforcement of the provisions of this  
17 title and the penal laws of this state relating to the manufacture,  
18 importation, transportation, possession, distribution and sale of  
19 liquor: PROVIDED, That all fees, fines, forfeitures and penalties

1 collected or assessed by a district court because of the violation of  
2 a state law shall be remitted as provided in chapter 3.62 RCW as now  
3 exists or is later amended.

4 (2) In addition to any and all other powers granted, the board  
5 shall have the power to enforce the penal provisions of this title and  
6 the penal laws of this state relating to the manufacture, importation,  
7 transportation, possession, distribution and sale of liquor.

8 (3) In addition to the other duties under this section, the board  
9 shall enforce chapters 82.24 and 82.26 RCW.

10 (4) The board may appoint and employ, assign to duty and fix the  
11 compensation of, officers to be designated as liquor enforcement  
12 officers. Such liquor enforcement officers shall have the power, under  
13 the supervision of the board, to enforce the penal provisions of this  
14 title and the penal laws of this state relating to the manufacture,  
15 importation, transportation, possession, distribution and sale of  
16 liquor. They shall have the power and authority to serve and execute  
17 all warrants and process of law issued by the courts in enforcing the  
18 penal provisions of this title or of any penal law of this state  
19 relating to the manufacture, importation, transportation, possession,  
20 distribution and sale of liquor, and the provisions of chapters 82.24  
21 and 82.26 RCW. They shall have the power to arrest without a warrant  
22 any person or persons found in the act of violating any of the penal  
23 provisions of this title or of any penal law of this state relating to  
24 the manufacture, importation, transportation, possession, distribution  
25 and sale of liquor, and the provisions of chapters 82.24 and 82.26 RCW.

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