

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6253**

55th Legislature  
1998 Regular Session

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YEAS 40 NAYS 4

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**President of the Senate**

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved

CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6253** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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Governor of the State of Washington

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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

Read first time 02/06/98.

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

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature that  
6 expenditures associated with the implementation of using credit and  
7 debit cards in state liquor stores and agency liquor vendor stores not  
8 have a negative impact to the liquor revolving fund balance and that  
9 transfers to the state general fund, the cities, and the counties not  
10 be reduced because of these costs.

11           **Sec. 2.** RCW 66.08.026 and 1997 c 148 s 1 are each amended to read  
12 as follows:

13           All administrative expenses of the board incurred on and after  
14 April 1, 1963 shall be appropriated and paid from the liquor revolving  
15 fund. These administrative expenses shall include, but not be limited  
16 to: The salaries and expenses of the board and its employees, the cost  
17 of establishing, leasing, maintaining, and operating state liquor  
18 stores and warehouses, legal services, pilot projects, annual or other

1 audits, and other general costs of conducting the business of the  
2 board, and the costs of supplying, installing, and maintaining  
3 equipment used in state liquor stores and agency liquor vendor stores  
4 for the purchase of liquor by nonlicensees using debit or credit cards.  
5 The administrative expenses shall not, however, be deemed to include  
6 costs of liquor and lottery tickets purchased, the cost of  
7 transportation and delivery to the point of distribution, other costs  
8 pertaining to the acquisition and receipt of liquor and lottery  
9 tickets, packaging and repackaging of liquor, transaction fees  
10 associated with credit or debit card purchases for liquor in state  
11 liquor stores and in the stores of agency liquor vendors pursuant to  
12 RCW 66.16.040 and 66.16.041, sales tax, and those amounts distributed  
13 pursuant to RCW 66.08.180, 66.08.190, 66.08.200, 66.08.210 and  
14 66.08.220.

15 **Sec. 3.** RCW 66.16.041 and 1997 c 148 s 2 are each amended to read  
16 as follows:

17 (1) The state liquor control board shall accept bank credit card  
18 and debit cards from nonlicensees for purchases in state liquor stores,  
19 under such rules as the board may adopt. The board shall authorize  
20 liquor vendors appointed under RCW 66.08.050 to accept bank credit  
21 cards and debit cards for liquor purchases under this title, under such  
22 rules as the board may adopt.

23 (2) If a liquor vendor operating an agency store chooses to use  
24 credit or debit cards for liquor purchases by nonlicensees, the board  
25 shall provide equipment and installation and maintenance of the  
26 equipment necessary to implement the use of credit and debit cards.  
27 Any equipment provided by the board to an agency liquor vendor store  
28 for this purpose may be used only for the purchase of liquor.

29 (3) If the revenues and expenditures associated with implementing  
30 the use of credit and debit cards for the purchase of alcohol by  
31 nonlicensees from state liquor stores and agency stores operated by  
32 liquor vendors results in a reduction of the liquor revolving fund  
33 balance for fiscal year 1999 and the 1999-01 biennium, the board shall  
34 consider increasing the price of alcohol products to offset the  
35 reduction.

1       (4) The board shall provide a report evaluating the implementation  
2 of this section, including revenue and expenditures, to the appropriate  
3 committees of the legislature by (~~January~~) December 1, 1998.

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