

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1855

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Allowing private clubs to serve liquor at special events.

Sponsors: By Representatives Hunt, Conway, Clements, Ericksen, Pennington and Kenney.

House Committee on Commerce & Labor

Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Financial Institutions

Background:

The Liquor Control Board may issue a restaurant spirits, beer, and wine license to a business that qualifies as a restaurant but does not serve the general public. Examples include private country clubs and social clubs where admission is restricted by membership. Clubs may purchase alcohol from the board and sell liquor by-the-drink to club members and guests, but may not serve the general public.

Summary:

The Liquor Control Board may issue an endorsement allowing restricted private clubs holding a spirits, beer, and wine license to serve club liquor to non-members at up to 40 member-sponsored events each year. The general public may not be served, and guests may attend by invitation of sponsoring members only. The annual fee for the endorsement is \$900.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 98 0

Senate 42 3

Effective: July 22, 2001