

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6601

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As Passed Senate, February 14, 2002

**Title:** An act relating to allowing a licensed distiller, domestic brewery, microbrewery, or domestic winery to sell liquor at a spirits, beer, and wine restaurant located on contiguous property that is leased by that licensed distiller, domestic brewery, microbrewery, or domestic winery.

**Brief Description:** Allowing a licensed distiller, domestic brewery, microbrewery, or domestic winery to sell liquor at a spirits, beer, and wine restaurant located on contiguous property that is leased by that licensed distiller, domestic brewery, microbrewery, or domestic winery.

**Sponsors:** Senators Prentice, Rasmussen, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe and Hale.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Labor, Commerce & Financial Institutions: 2/7/02, 2/5/02 [DP].  
Passed Senate: 2/14/02, 42-4.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Prentice, Chair; Keiser, Vice Chair; Fairley, Franklin, Gardner, Hochstatter, Honeyford, Rasmussen, Regala, West and Winsley.

**Staff:** Joanne Conrad (786-7472)

**Background:** Current law allows distillers, brewers and microbrewers, and wineries to sell liquor in restaurants that are contiguous to and owned by the distiller, brewer, or winery. This is called a Tied House law. One theory behind this type of law, common in many states, is that making food available for consumers who choose to drink provides a medically safer drinking environment.

**Summary of Bill:** The Tied House law is expanded to allow distillers, brewers, and wineries to sell liquor at leased restaurants that are contiguous.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** The bill would be useful to business.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Senator Prentice, prime sponsor.