
HOUSE BILL 1806

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1 AN ACT Relating to wine and beer pricing by the liquor control
2 board; adding a new section to chapter 66.16 RCW; 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 to:
6 Promote the public's interest in fostering the orderly and responsible
7 distribution of malt beverages and wine towards effective control of
8 consumption; recognize the principles of a fair and efficient private
9 sector three-tier system of distribution of such beverages; and
10 establish a pricing procedure of wine and malt beverage products sold
11 at retail by the liquor control board that will diminish the board's
12 unfair competitive advantage over the state-mandated private sector
13 three-tier system of distribution and pricing of wine and malt
14 beverages.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 66.16 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 (1) The liquor control board must use the following calculation to
18 establish monthly retail sale prices of beer and wine products sold in

1 liquor control board stores and agency stores: The average wholesale
2 product price posted for the private sector filed under RCW 66.28.180,
3 plus a statewide average retail price markup of twenty-five percent for
4 both malt beverages and wine.

5 (2) Individual product retail price markups may vary to attain the
6 statewide average markup required by this section. The total revenue
7 resulting from the retail markup must represent a twenty-five percent
8 average markup for malt beverages or wine.

9 (3) When the board cannot identify a posted price for an identical
10 wine or malt beverage, the board shall use a comparable product for the
11 purpose of establishing the base wholesale price.

12 (4) Nothing in this section affects the retail purchase discounts
13 of licensees under RCW 66.24.440.

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