
HOUSE BILL 2794

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing licensees to pay for liquor using debit
2 and credit cards; and amending RCW 66.08.026 and 66.16.041.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.08.026 and 2001 c 313 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 All administrative expenses of the board incurred on and after
7 April 1, 1963, shall be appropriated and paid from the liquor revolving
8 fund. These administrative expenses shall include, but not be limited
9 to: The salaries and expenses of the board and its employees, the cost
10 of establishing, leasing, maintaining, and operating state liquor
11 stores and warehouses, legal services, pilot projects, annual or other
12 audits, and other general costs of conducting the business of the
13 board, and the costs of supplying, installing, and maintaining
14 equipment used in state liquor stores and agency liquor vendor stores
15 for the purchase of liquor (~~by nonlicensees~~) using debit or credit
16 cards. The administrative expenses shall not, however, be deemed to
17 include costs of liquor and lottery tickets purchased, the cost of
18 transportation and delivery to the point of distribution, other costs
19 pertaining to the acquisition and receipt of liquor and lottery

1 tickets, packaging and repackaging of liquor, agency commissions for
2 agency liquor vendor stores, transaction fees associated with credit or
3 debit card purchases for liquor in state liquor stores and in the
4 stores of agency liquor vendors pursuant to RCW 66.16.040 and
5 66.16.041, sales tax, and those amounts distributed pursuant to RCW
6 66.08.180, 66.08.190, 66.08.200, 66.08.210 and 66.08.220. Agency
7 commissions for agency liquor vendor stores shall be established by the
8 liquor control board after consultation with and approval by the
9 director of the office of financial management. All expenditures and
10 payment of obligations authorized by this section are subject to the
11 allotment requirements of chapter 43.88 RCW.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 66.16.041 and 1998 c 265 s 3 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

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

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

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

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

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