

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1621

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Labor, Commerce, Research & Development, March 28, 2005

Title: An act relating to acceptable forms of identification for liquor purchases.

Brief Description: Modifying identification requirements for liquor purchases.

Sponsors: Representative McDonald.

Brief History: Passed House: 3/08/05, 95-0.

Committee Activity: Labor, Commerce, Research & Development: 3/21/05, 3/28/05 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Kohl-Welles, Chair; Franklin, Vice Chair; Parlette, Ranking Minority Member; Brown, Hewitt, Honeyford and Keiser.

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Background: The five types of identification that may be used as proof of age when purchasing liquor or tobacco are:

- 1) liquor control authority card of identification issued by any state or province of Canada;
- 2) driver's license, instruction permit, or identification card of any state;
- 3) U.S. military identification;
- 4) passport; and
- 5) merchant marine identification card issued by the U.S. Coast Guard.

These types of identification show age, signature, and photo of the holder. No other forms of identification may be accepted as proof of age.

Liquor control authority cards have not been issued by the Washington Liquor Control Board since 1971, when the Department of Licensing began issuing identification cards.

Summary of Bill: "Liquor control authority cards" are deleted from the list of acceptable types of identification that may be used as proof of age when purchasing liquor.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Who Testified: No one.