

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 2825

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### As Passed House:

February 7, 2008

**Title:** An act relating to medical, hospital, mechanical, manufacturing, or scientific entities or persons obtaining nonbeverage alcohol directly from suppliers.

**Brief Description:** Allowing certain alcohol permit holders to obtain alcohol in nonbeverage form directly from suppliers.

**Sponsors:** By Representatives Conway, Condotta and Armstrong.

### Brief History:

#### Committee Activity:

Commerce & Labor: 1/25/08 [DP].

#### Floor Activity:

Passed House: 2/7/08, 95-0.

### Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows persons engaged in medical or dental pursuits, in charge of a hospital or sanitarium, or engaged in mechanical or manufacturing or scientific pursuits, and with a class I or II liquor permit, to obtain liquor directly from a supplier.

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## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 7 members: Representatives Conway, Chair; Wood, Vice Chair; Condotta, Ranking Minority Member; Chandler, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Green, Moeller and Williams.

**Staff:** Joan Elgee (786-7106).

### Background:

The Liquor Control Board (Board) issues permits for specific limited purposes. A class I permit allows physicians, dentists, and persons in charge of a hospital or sanitarium to purchase liquor. A class II permit allows a person engaged in the mechanical or manufacturing business or in scientific pursuits requiring alcohol to purchase liquor. The

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liquor for these purposes is typically nonbeverage spirits and must be purchased from the Board.

Two other permits allow the purchase of alcohol directly from a supplier. Manufacturers of confections or food products who use liquor in their products and druggists who use liquor in prescriptions may purchase liquor directly from a supplier.

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**Summary of Bill:**

Persons with class I or II liquor permits may purchase nonbeverage liquor directly from a supplier and are not required to purchase the liquor from the Board.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:**

(In support) The decentralization of purchasing functions means many different units will need to purchase ethanol, which will be a burden for the Board. There is no need for the Board to be involved in these nonbeverage purchases and purchasing directly from a supplier will be more efficient.

(Opposed) None.

**Persons Testifying:** Randy Hodgins, University of Washington; and Rick Garza, Liquor Control Board.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** None.