
SENATE BILL 5902

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Commerce, Research & Development.

1 AN ACT Relating to requiring additional state liquor stores to
2 engage in Sunday sales; amending RCW 66.08.166 and 66.08.190; and
3 adding a new section to chapter 43.110 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.08.166 and 2005 c 231 s 2 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 By September 1, 2005, the board shall expand operations in at least
8 twenty state-operated retail stores to include Sundays. By September
9 1, 2007, the board shall expand operations in at least twenty-nine
10 additional retail stores to include Sundays. The board shall select
11 the stores that are expected to gross the most revenues on Sunday by
12 considering factors including, but not limited to, population density,
13 proximity to shopping centers, and proximity to other businesses that
14 are open on Sunday. The selected stores shall be open for retail
15 business a minimum of five hours on Sunday. In implementing this
16 program, if the board determines it would be beneficial to retain a
17 consultant to assist the board in determining appropriate stores for
18 the program and monitoring the results of the program, the agency is
19 authorized to do so. The board shall track gross sales and expenses of

1 the selected stores and compare them to previous years' sales and
2 projected sales and expenses before opening on Sunday. The board shall
3 also examine the sales of state and contract liquor stores in proximity
4 to those stores opened on Sundays to determine whether Sunday openings
5 (~~has~~~~have~~) have reduced the sales of other state and contract
6 liquor stores that are not open on Sundays. The board shall present
7 this information to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the
8 legislature by January 31, (~~2007~~) 2009.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 66.08.190 and 2003 1st sp.s. c 25 s 927 are each
10 amended to read as follows:

11 (1) Except for revenues generated by the 2003 surcharge of
12 \$0.42/liter on retail sales of spirits that shall be distributed to the
13 state general fund during the 2003-2005 biennium, when excess funds are
14 distributed, all moneys subject to distribution shall be disbursed as
15 follows:

16 (a) Three-tenths of one percent to border areas under RCW
17 66.08.195; and

18 (b) From the amount remaining after distribution under (a) of this
19 subsection, (i) fifty percent to the general fund of the state, (ii)
20 ten percent to the counties of the state, and (iii) forty percent to
21 the incorporated cities and towns of the state.

22 (2) During the months of June, September, December, and March of
23 each year, prior to disbursing the distribution to incorporated cities
24 and towns under subsection (1)(b) of this section, the treasurer shall
25 deduct from that distribution an amount that will fund that quarter's
26 allotments under RCW 43.88.110 from any legislative appropriation from
27 the city and town research services account. The treasurer shall
28 deposit the amount deducted into the city and town research services
29 account.

30 (3) At the start of each fiscal year and prior to disbursing the
31 distribution to the state general fund under subsection (1)(b) of this
32 section, the treasurer shall deduct from the general fund distribution
33 one million nine hundred fifty thousand dollars to be deposited into
34 the public benefit and research services account created in section 3
35 of this act.

36 (4) The governor may notify and direct the state treasurer to

1 withhold the revenues to which the counties and cities are entitled
2 under this section if the counties or cities are found to be in
3 noncompliance pursuant to RCW 36.70A.340.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.110 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The public benefit and research services account is created in the
7 state treasury. The account shall consist of all money deposited,
8 transferred, or appropriated to the account by the legislature. Moneys
9 in the account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures
10 from the account may be used only for the administrative office of the
11 courts to assist the superior courts with language interpreter services
12 and to assist the municipal council with research and services for
13 ports and special purpose districts.

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