
SENATE BILL 5158

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By Senators Kohl-Welles, Holmquist, King, Honeyford, Keiser, Franklin, Kline, and Marr

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1 AN ACT Relating to sales of wine and beer at the legislative gift
2 center; adding new sections to chapter 44.73 RCW; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 66.12 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the production of
6 wine grapes and hops in the state are important segments of Washington
7 agriculture as evidenced by the continued investments made by the state
8 and local governments in developing the wine and beer industries,
9 including the creation of viticulture and enology programs at
10 Washington State University. The legislature further finds that the
11 promotion and sale of Washington wine and beer at the legislative gift
12 center is harmonious with the purpose of the gift center, which is to
13 promote the state and the goods produced around the state. Therefore,
14 the legislature intends to allow the legislative gift center to sell
15 wine and beer produced in Washington to visitors of legal drinking age.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 66.12 RCW
17 to read as follows:

18 Nothing in this title shall apply to or prevent the legislative

1 gift center created in chapter 44.73 RCW from selling at retail for
2 off-premises consumption wine and beer produced in Washington by a
3 licensed domestic winery or brewery.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The legislative gift center is authorized to
5 sell at retail for off-premises consumption wine and beer produced in
6 Washington by a licensed domestic winery or brewery. Wine and beer
7 sold by the legislative gift center must: (1) Be sold to individuals
8 twenty-one years of age or older; (2) be sold for personal use and not
9 for resale; and (3) have been purchased from a licensed beer or wine
10 distributor or from a manufacturer authorized to distribute wine or
11 beer of its own production.

12 The legislative gift center must collect and remit to the
13 department of revenue all applicable state and local taxes on sales of
14 wine and beer.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 and 3 of this act are each added
16 to chapter 44.73 RCW.

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