

SHB 2371 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Commerce & Labor

1       Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3       "**Sec. 1.** RCW 66.24.360 and 2012 c 2 s 104 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5       (1) There is a grocery store license to sell wine and/or beer,  
6 including without limitation strong beer at retail in original  
7 containers, not to be consumed upon the premises where sold.

8       (2) There is a wine retailer reseller endorsement of a grocery  
9 store license, to sell wine at retail in original containers to  
10 retailers licensed to sell wine for consumption on the premises, for  
11 resale at their licensed premises according to the terms of the  
12 license. However, no single sale may exceed twenty-four liters, unless  
13 the sale is made by a licensee that was a contract liquor store manager  
14 of a contract-operated liquor store at the location from which such  
15 sales are made. For the purposes of this title, a grocery store  
16 license is a retail license, and a sale by a grocery store licensee  
17 with a reseller endorsement is a retail sale only if not for resale.

18       (3) Licensees obtaining a written endorsement from the board may  
19 also sell malt liquor in kegs or other containers capable of holding  
20 less than five and one-half gallons of liquid.

21       (4) The annual fee for the grocery store license is one hundred  
22 fifty dollars for each store.

23       (5) The annual fee for the wine retailer reseller endorsement is  
24 one hundred sixty-six dollars for each store.

25       (6) Upon approval by the board, the grocery store licensee may also  
26 receive an endorsement to permit the sale of beer produced by a  
27 microbrewery licensed under RCW 66.24.244, in a sanitary container  
28 brought to the premises by the purchaser, or provided by the licensee  
29 or manufacturer, and filled at the tap by the licensee at the time of

1 sale by an employee of the licensee holding a class 12 alcohol server  
2 permit.

3 (7) The board must issue a restricted grocery store license  
4 authorizing the licensee to sell beer and only table wine, if the board  
5 finds upon issuance or renewal of the license that the sale of strong  
6 beer or fortified wine would be against the public interest. In  
7 determining the public interest, the board must consider at least the  
8 following factors:

9 (a) The likelihood that the applicant will sell strong beer or  
10 fortified wine to persons who are intoxicated;

11 (b) Law enforcement problems in the vicinity of the applicant's  
12 establishment that may arise from persons purchasing strong beer or  
13 fortified wine at the establishment; and

14 (c) Whether the sale of strong beer or fortified wine would be  
15 detrimental to or inconsistent with a government-operated or funded  
16 alcohol treatment or detoxification program in the area.

17 If the board receives no evidence or objection that the sale of  
18 strong beer or fortified wine would be against the public interest, it  
19 must issue or renew the license without restriction, as applicable.  
20 The burden of establishing that the sale of strong beer or fortified  
21 wine by the licensee would be against the public interest is on those  
22 persons objecting.

23 ~~((+7))~~ (8) Licensees holding a grocery store license must maintain  
24 a minimum three thousand dollar inventory of food products for human  
25 consumption, not including pop, beer, strong beer, or wine.

26 ~~((+8))~~ (9) A grocery store licensee with a wine retailer reseller  
27 endorsement may accept delivery of wine at its licensed premises or at  
28 one or more warehouse facilities registered with the board, which  
29 facilities may also warehouse and distribute nonliquor items, and from  
30 which it may deliver to its own licensed premises and, pursuant to  
31 sales permitted by this title, to other licensed premises, to other  
32 registered facilities, or to lawful purchasers outside the state.  
33 Facilities may be registered and utilized by associations,  
34 cooperatives, or comparable groups of grocery store licensees.

35 ~~((+9))~~ (10) Upon approval by the board, the grocery store licensee  
36 may also receive an endorsement to permit the international export of  
37 beer, strong beer, and wine.

1 (a) Any beer, strong beer, or wine sold under this endorsement must  
2 have been purchased from a licensed beer or wine distributor licensed  
3 to do business within the state of Washington.

4 (b) Any beer, strong beer, and wine sold under this endorsement  
5 must be intended for consumption outside the state of Washington and  
6 the United States and appropriate records must be maintained by the  
7 licensee.

8 (c) Any beer, strong beer, or wine sold under this endorsement must  
9 be sold at a price no less than the acquisition price paid by the  
10 holder of the license.

11 (d) The annual cost of this endorsement is five hundred dollars and  
12 is in addition to the license fees paid by the licensee for a grocery  
13 store license.

14 ~~((+10+))~~ (11) A grocery store licensee holding a snack bar license  
15 under RCW 66.24.350 may receive an endorsement to allow the sale of  
16 confections containing more than one percent but not more than ten  
17 percent alcohol by weight to persons twenty-one years of age or older.

18 (12) The board may adopt rules to implement this section."

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19 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "licensees;" strike the  
20 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 66.24.360."

EFFECT: Language limiting the sale of growlers of beer to only  
those beers produced in specific states is removed.

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