

FINAL BILL REPORT

ESSB 5045

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Creating a permit to allow day spas to offer or supply without charge wine or beer by the individual glass to a customer for consumption on the premises.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Honeyford, Kohl-Welles and Frockt).

Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor

House Committee on Government Accountability & Oversight

House Committee on Appropriations

House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government & Information Technology

Background: An entity serving alcohol for on-premises consumption must obtain the appropriate license to do so from the Liquor Control Board (LCB). There are specific exemptions allowing an entity to serve alcohol without charge and without a license or permit from LCB. Currently, wedding boutiques and art galleries may offer a complimentary glass of beer or wine to customers who are at least 21 years of age for on-premises consumption. The wine or beer served must have been purchased from a licensed retailer or a Washington State liquor store at full retail price. The wedding boutiques and art galleries cannot sell beer or wine and cannot advertise that they offer complimentary beer or wine. Employees who serve the beer or wine must complete an LCB-approved limited alcohol server training program. Art galleries are rooms or buildings devoted to the exhibition or sale of art. Wedding boutiques are businesses primarily engaged in the sale of wedding merchandise.

Summary: A day spa permit is created which permits a day spa to serve a glass of beer or wine to a customer without charge. The permit fee for a day spa permit is \$125 per year.

Day spas are permitted to offer a complimentary glass of beer or wine to customers who are at least 21 years of age. A day spa is defined as a business that offers at least three of the following types of beauty services: hair care, nail care, skin care, massages, and the use of body toning equipment.

Servers must have training provided by LCB. A day spa must provide separate service areas of the day spa for at least three of the service categories offered.

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	40	8	
House	78	19	(House amended)
Senate			(Senate refused to concur/ asked House to recede)
House	86	12	(House receded)

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