

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5774

As of February 21, 2013

Title: An act relating to authorizing applications for a special permit to allow alcohol tasting by persons nineteen and twenty years of age under certain circumstances.

Brief Description: Authorizing applications for a special permit to allow alcohol tasting by persons at least 18 years of age under certain circumstances.

Sponsors: Senators Hewitt, Holmquist Newbry, McAuliffe, Bailey, Keiser, Conway, Schoesler, Kohl-Welles, Mullet and Kline.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Commerce & Labor: 2/22/13.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

Staff: Edith Rice (786-7444)

Background: The Liquor Control Board (LCB) currently offers four different types or classes of permits. Class 1 permits allow physicians or dentists and those in charge of an institution regularly conducted as a hospital or sanitarium to purchase liquor. The Class 1 permit fee is \$5.

A Class 2 permit allows a person engaged in a mechanical or manufacturing business or scientific pursuits that require alcohol, to purchase alcohol not to be used for beverage purposes. The Class 2 permit fee is \$5 for five gallons or less, and \$10 for over five gallons.

A Class 4 permit is for a business that does not hold a liquor license to serve liquor without charge to employees or invited guests. The Class 4 permit fee is \$500.

A Class 6 permit allows someone operating a drug store to purchase alcohol to be sold on the prescription of a physician. The Class 6 permit fee is \$5.

Summary of Bill: The bill as referred to committee not considered.

Summary of Bill (Proposed Substitute): A special permit is created to allow tasting of alcohol by individuals who are at least 18 years old who are enrolled as a student in a class that is part of a culinary, wine technology, beer technology, or spirituous technology-related

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degree program. The permit applicant is a community or technical college. The permit allows tasting, not consuming, of alcohol as part of the class curriculum with approval of the educational provider.

Faculty or staff of the educational provider must supervise the service and tasting and be at least 21 years of age, and hold a class 12 or 13 alcohol server permit. Students may not purchase the alcoholic beverages.

LCB must waive the fee for such a permit.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.