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and Haler

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Accountability & Oversight.

1 AN ACT Relating to state auction liquor stores, providing a process
2 for the successful bidders for such stores to seek refunds of the
3 amount successfully bid, and providing for the sale of inventory;
4 adding a new section to chapter 66.24 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that adoption and
7 implementation of Initiative Measure No. 1183 has had certain
8 unanticipated adverse consequences for the successful bidders for the
9 former state-owned liquor stores. Many of those successful bidders
10 believe that they were misled by the liquor control board with respect
11 to the continued viability of such liquor stores following
12 implementation of Initiative Measure No. 1183 in part because of their
13 proximity to other larger stores holding spirits retail licenses, their
14 inability to secure new leases at affordable rents, uncertainty
15 concerning the inventory to be purchased, and the application of fees
16 on certain sales and other factors.

17 (2) The legislature further finds that in order to mitigate the
18 hardships suffered by the successful bidders of former state liquor
19 stores, to support small business owners, and to satisfy claims that

1 the successful bidders of former state liquor stores have asserted or
2 may assert against the state based on alleged misrepresentations by the
3 liquor control board, it is appropriate and necessary to modify the
4 rights and obligations of the successful bidders of former state liquor
5 stores.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 66.24 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) Until July 30, 2013, any party that was a successful bidder for
9 a former state liquor store may apply to the Washington state liquor
10 control board for a refund of the total amount of the successful bid
11 for such location. A refund under this section must be granted upon
12 verification by the board that the refund applicant was the successful
13 bidder for the state-owned store. If the rights secured by a
14 successful bid have been sold to another party, no application for
15 refund under this section may be submitted. A refund under this
16 section may not include direct sales expenses and other transition
17 costs incurred by the board that were not deposited into the liquor
18 revolving fund following the initial sale.

19 (2) A successful bidder of a former state liquor store may sell any
20 remaining inventory of spirits from the former state liquor store to
21 any holder of a spirits retail license at the same price that the
22 product was acquired by the successful bidder of the former state
23 liquor store. The sale of such inventory is not considered to be
24 spirits sales revenue for the purposes of RCW 66.24.630(4).

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