
SENATE BILL 5731

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing beer and/or wine specialty shop
2 licenses to sell craft distillery products; reenacting and amending
3 RCW 66.24.371; prescribing penalties; and providing an effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.24.371 and 2011 c 195 s 4 and 2011 c 119 s 204 are
6 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7 (1) There (~~shall be~~) is a beer and/or wine retailer's license to
8 be designated as a beer and/or wine specialty shop license to sell
9 beer, strong beer, and/or wine at retail in bottles, cans, and original
10 containers, not to be consumed upon the premises where sold(~~, at any~~
11 ~~store other than the state liquor stores. Licensees obtaining a~~
12 ~~written endorsement from the board may also sell malt liquor in kegs or~~
13 ~~other containers capable of holding four gallons or more of liquid)).~~
14 The annual fee for the beer and/or wine specialty shop license is one
15 hundred dollars for each store. (~~The sale of any container holding~~
16 ~~four gallons or more must comply with RCW 66.28.200 and 66.28.220.))~~

17 (2) Licensees under this section may provide, free or for a charge,
18 single-serving samples of two ounces or less to customers for the
19 purpose of sales promotion. Sampling activities of licensees under

1 this section are subject to RCW 66.28.305 and 66.28.040 and the cost of
2 sampling under this section may not be borne, directly or indirectly,
3 by any manufacturer, importer, or distributor of liquor.

4 (3) Upon approval by the board, ~~((the))~~ a beer and/or wine
5 specialty shop licensee may obtain the following endorsements:

6 (a) A beer and/or wine specialty shop licensee that exceeds fifty
7 percent beer and/or wine sales may ~~((also))~~ receive an endorsement to
8 permit the sale of beer to a purchaser in a sanitary container brought
9 to the premises by the purchaser, or provided by the licensee or
10 manufacturer, and fill at the tap by the licensee at the time of sale.
11 If the beer and/or wine specialty shop licensee does not exceed fifty
12 percent beer and/or wine sales, the board may waive the fifty percent
13 beer and/or wine sale criteria if the beer and/or wine specialty shop
14 maintains alcohol inventory that exceeds fifteen thousand dollars;

15 (b) A beer and/or wine specialty shop licensee may receive an
16 endorsement to sell malt liquor in kegs or other containers capable of
17 holding four gallons or more of liquid. The sale of any container
18 holding four gallons or more must comply with RCW 66.28.200 and
19 66.28.220; and

20 (c) A beer and/or wine specialty shop licensee that exceeds fifty
21 percent liquor sales; maintains a minimum five thousand dollar
22 wholesale inventory of beer, strong beer, and/or wine; has a licensed
23 premises under ten thousand square feet; and has obtained his or her
24 beer and/or wine specialty shop license before January 1, 2013, may
25 receive an endorsement to sell spirits produced by a licensed craft
26 distiller.

27 (i) A beer and/or wine specialty shop licensee with an endorsement
28 to sell spirits must pay to the board, for deposit into the liquor
29 revolving fund, an issuance fee equivalent to seventeen percent of all
30 spirits sales revenues, exclusive of taxes collected by the licensee
31 with such an endorsement and of sales of items on which a license fee
32 payable under RCW 66.24.630(4)(a) has otherwise been incurred. The
33 board must establish rules setting forth the timing of such payments
34 and reporting of sales dollar volume, with payments required quarterly
35 in arrears.

36 (ii) As a condition to receiving and renewing an endorsement to
37 sell spirits, a beer and/or wine specialty shop licensee must provide
38 training as prescribed by the board by rule for individuals who sell

1 spirits or who manage others who sell spirits regarding compliance with
2 laws and regulations regarding sale of spirits including, without
3 limitation, the prohibitions against sale of spirits to individuals who
4 are underage or visibly intoxicated. The training must be provided
5 before the individual first engages in the sale of spirits and must be
6 renewed at least every five years. Records must be maintained
7 documenting the nature and frequency of the training provided. An
8 employee training program is presumptively sufficient if it
9 incorporates a responsible vendor program adopted by the board.

10 (iii) The maximum penalties, fines, and suspensions prescribed by
11 the board for regulatory, public safety, license, and nonretail
12 violations are doubled for violations relating to the sale of spirits
13 by beer and/or wine specialty shop licensees with an endorsement to
14 sell spirits.

15 (4) The board shall issue a restricted beer and/or wine specialty
16 shop license, authorizing the licensee to sell beer and only table
17 wine, if the board finds upon issuance or renewal of the license that
18 the sale of strong beer or fortified wine would be against the public
19 interest. In determining the public interest, the board shall consider
20 at least the following factors:

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

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

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

29 If the board receives no evidence or objection that the sale of
30 strong beer or fortified wine would be against the public interest, it
31 shall issue or renew the license without restriction, as applicable.
32 The burden of establishing that the sale of strong beer or fortified
33 wine by the licensee would be against the public interest is on those
34 persons objecting.

35 (5) Licensees holding a beer and/or wine specialty shop license
36 must maintain a minimum three thousand dollar wholesale inventory of
37 beer, strong beer, and/or wine.

1 (6) The board may adopt rules to implement this section.

2 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect December 9, 2013.

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