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- On page 1, after line 14, insert the following:
- 2 "Sec. 2. RCW 66.24.360 and 2012 c 2 s 104 are each amended to 3 read as follows:
- 4 (1) There is a grocery store license to sell wine and/or beer, 5 including without limitation strong beer at retail in original 6 containers, not to be consumed upon the premises where sold.
- 7 (2) There is a wine retailer reseller endorsement of a grocery store license, to sell wine at retail in original containers to 8 retailers licensed to sell wine for consumption on the premises, for 9 resale at their licensed premises according to the terms of the 10 license. However, no single sale may exceed twenty-four liters, 11 unless the sale is made by a licensee that was a contract liquor 12 store manager of a contract-operated liquor store at the location 13 from which such sales are made. For the purposes of this title, a 14 15 grocery store license is a retail license, and a sale by a grocery store licensee with a reseller endorsement is a retail sale only if 16 not for resale. 17
- 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 that exceeds fifty percent beer and/or wine sales or maintains an alcohol 26 27 inventory of not less than fifteen thousand dollars may also receive an endorsement to permit the sale of beer and cider, as defined in 28 RCW 66.24.210(6), in a sanitary container brought to the premises by 29 30 the purchaser, or provided by the licensee or manufacturer, and filled at the tap by the licensee at the time of sale by an employee 31 of the licensee holding a class 12 alcohol server permit. 32
- 33 <u>(7)</u> The board must issue a restricted grocery store license 34 authorizing the licensee to sell beer and only table wine, if the Official Print 1 5213 AMS WARN S2056.1

- 1 board finds upon issuance or renewal of the license that the sale of
- 2 strong beer or fortified wine would be against the public interest.
- 3 In determining the public interest, the board must consider at least 4 the following factors:
- 5 (a) The likelihood that the applicant will sell strong beer or 6 fortified wine to persons who are intoxicated;

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- (b) Law enforcement problems in the vicinity of the applicant's establishment that may arise from persons purchasing strong beer or fortified wine at the establishment; and
- (c) Whether the sale of strong beer or fortified wine would be detrimental to or inconsistent with a government-operated or funded alcohol treatment or detoxification program in the area.
- If the board receives no evidence or objection that the sale of strong beer or fortified wine would be against the public interest, it must issue or renew the license without restriction, as applicable. The burden of establishing that the sale of strong beer or fortified wine by the licensee would be against the public interest is on those persons objecting.
- 19 (((7))) <u>(8)</u> Licensees holding a grocery store license must 20 maintain a minimum three thousand dollar inventory of food products 21 for human consumption, not including pop, beer, strong beer, or wine.
 - (((8))) (9) A grocery store licensee with a wine retailer reseller endorsement may accept delivery of wine at its licensed premises or at one or more warehouse facilities registered with the board, which facilities may also warehouse and distribute nonliquor items, and from which it may deliver to its own licensed premises and, pursuant to sales permitted by this title, to other licensed premises, to other registered facilities, or to lawful purchasers outside the state. Facilities may be registered and utilized by associations, cooperatives, or comparable groups of grocery store licensees.
- (((9))) (10) Upon approval by the board, the grocery store licensee may also receive an endorsement to permit the international export of beer, strong beer, and wine.
- 35 (a) Any beer, strong beer, or wine sold under this endorsement 36 must have been purchased from a licensed beer or wine distributor 37 licensed to do business within the state of Washington.
- 38 (b) Any beer, strong beer, and wine sold under this endorsement 39 must be intended for consumption outside the state of Washington and

- the United States and appropriate records must be maintained by the licensee.
- 3 (c) Any beer, strong beer, or wine sold under this endorsement 4 must be sold at a price no less than the acquisition price paid by 5 the holder of the license.
- 6 (d) The annual cost of this endorsement is five hundred dollars
 7 and is in addition to the license fees paid by the licensee for a
 8 grocery store license.
- 9 ((\(\frac{(10)}{10}\))) (11) A grocery store licensee holding a snack bar 10 license under RCW 66.24.350 may receive an endorsement to allow the 11 sale of confections containing more than one percent but not more 12 than ten percent alcohol by weight to persons twenty-one years of age 13 or older.
- 14 (12) The board may adopt rules to implement this section.
- 15 (13) Nothing in this section limits the authority of the board to 16 regulate the sale of beer or cider or container sizes under rules 17 adopted pursuant to RCW 66.08.030."

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On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "growlers" strike the remainder of the title and insert "; and amending RCW 66.28.360 and 66.24.360."

<u>EFFECT:</u> Authorizes certain grocery store licensees, with approval from the liquor control board, to sell beer or cider in growlers. The LCB may adopt rules to implement the provisions, including the size of the containers that may be filled.

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