

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 5596

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Creating a special permit for a manufacturer of wine to hold a private event for the purpose of tasting and selling wine of its own production.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Senators King, Hewitt, Kohl-Welles and McAuliffe).

Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor
House Committee on Commerce & Gaming

Background: The Liquor Control Board (LCB) issues a variety of special permits for selling, serving, and handling alcohol at specified events or to persons or entities who do not hold a liquor license. Many special permits are of limited duration for a specified purpose or event, or are issued for a purpose falling outside the commercial activities ordinarily engaged in by a licensee. For example, special permits are issued to allow for the consumption of liquor at banquets and to allow a manufacturer or distributor to donate liquor to delegates and guests at conventions and international trade fairs. Unless a fee is specified in statute, the fees for permits are generally established by the LCB.

Summary: The LCB is authorized to issue a special permit to a wine manufacturer allowing a wine tasting and sales event at a specified location on a specified date. The event may not be open to the general public and the wine tasted or sold must be of the winery's own production. The permit must be obtained from the LCB for a fee of \$10 per event. The application for the permit must be submitted at least ten days prior to the event and the permit must be posted during the event. Wine manufacturers are limited to hosting not more than 12 wine-tasting events per year that require the special event permit.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	43	5	
House	95	2	(House amended)
Senate	40	7	

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