
HOUSE BILL 2955

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By Representatives Springer and Condotta

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1 AN ACT Relating to craft distillers; and amending RCW 66.24.140.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.24.140 and 2017 c 260 s 1 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) There is a license to distillers, including blending,
6 rectifying, and bottling; fee two thousand dollars per annum, unless
7 provided otherwise as follows:

8 (a) For distillers producing (~~one hundred fifty thousand gallons~~
9 ~~or less of~~) spirits with at least half of the raw materials used in
10 the production grown in Washington, the license fee must be reduced
11 to one hundred dollars per annum;

12 (b) The board must license stills used and to be used solely and
13 only by a commercial chemist for laboratory purposes, and not for the
14 manufacture of liquor for sale, at a fee of twenty dollars per annum;

15 (c) The board must license stills used and to be used solely and
16 only for laboratory purposes in any school, college, or educational
17 institution in the state, without fee; and

18 (d) The board must license stills that have been duly licensed as
19 fruit and/or wine distilleries by the federal government, used and to
20 be used solely as fruit and/or wine distilleries in the production of

1 fruit brandy and wine spirits, at a fee of two hundred dollars per
2 annum.

3 (2) Any distillery licensed under this section may:

4 (a) Sell spirits of its own production for consumption off the
5 premises. A distillery selling spirits under this subsection must
6 comply with the applicable laws and rules relating to retailers;

7 (b) Contract distilled spirits for, and sell contract distilled
8 spirits to, holders of distillers' or manufacturers' licenses,
9 including licenses issued under RCW 66.24.520, or for export; and

10 (c) Provide samples subject to the following conditions:

11 (i) For the purposes of this subsection, the maximum amount of
12 alcohol per person per day is two ounces;

13 (ii) Provide free or for a charge one-half ounce or less samples
14 of spirits of its own production to persons on the premises of the
15 distillery. Spirits samples may be adulterated with nonalcoholic
16 mixers, mixers with alcohol of the distiller's own production, water,
17 and/or ice;

18 (iii) Sell adulterated samples of spirits of their own
19 production, water, and/or ice to persons on the premises at the
20 distillery; and

21 (iv) Every person who participates in any manner in the service
22 of these samples must obtain a class 12 alcohol server permit.

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