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**SENATE BILL 5479**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senator King

1 AN ACT Relating to workforce development in the beverage alcohol  
2 industry; and amending RCW 66.44.318.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.44.318 and 2019 c 112 s 2 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Except as provided in this section, nothing is construed to  
7 permit a nonretail class liquor licensee's employee or intern between  
8 the ages of eighteen and twenty-one years to handle, transport, or  
9 otherwise possess liquor.

10 (2) Licensees holding nonretail class liquor licenses are  
11 permitted to allow their employees between the ages of eighteen and  
12 twenty-one years to stock, merchandise, and handle liquor on or about  
13 the:

14 (a) Nonretail premises if there is an adult twenty-one years of  
15 age or older on duty supervising such activities on the premises; and

16 (b) Retail licensee's premises, except between 11:00 p.m. and  
17 4:00 a.m., as long as there is an adult twenty-one years of age or  
18 older, employed by the retail licensee, and present at the retail  
19 licensee's premises during the activities described in this  
20 subsection (2).

1       (3)(a) Employees of licensees identified in (b) of this  
2 subsection who are at least age 18 but under 21 years of age may  
3 engage in the manufacture and production of liquor as authorized  
4 under the terms of their employer's license, and may work in the  
5 licensee's production facility, so long as there is an adult age 21  
6 years of age or older on duty supervising such activities. Nothing in  
7 this subsection authorizes an employee under age 21 to taste,  
8 consume, sell, or serve liquor.

9       (b) This subsection (3) applies to all licensees with privileges  
10 for manufacturing or producing beer, wine, spirits, or any type of  
11 liquor pursuant to a license issued under this title.

12       (4) Any act or omission of the nonretail class liquor licensee's  
13 employee occurring at or about the retail licensee's premises, which  
14 violates any provision of this title, is the sole responsibility of  
15 the nonretail class liquor licensee.

16       ~~((4))~~ (5) Nothing in this section absolves the retail licensee  
17 from responsibility for the acts or omissions of its own employees  
18 who violate any provision of this title.

19       ~~((5))~~ (6)(a) Licensees holding a domestic winery license are  
20 permitted to allow their interns who are between the ages of eighteen  
21 and twenty-one years old to engage in wine-production related work at  
22 the domestic winery's licensed location, so long as the intern is  
23 enrolled as a student:

24       (i) At a community or technical college, regional university, or  
25 state university with a special permit issued in accordance with RCW  
26 66.20.010; and

27       (ii) In a required or elective class as part of a degree program  
28 identified in RCW 66.20.010(12)(b).

29       (b) Any act or omission of the domestic winery's intern occurring  
30 at or about the domestic winery's premises, which violates any  
31 provision of this title, is the sole responsibility of the domestic  
32 winery.

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