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By Representatives Couture and Griffey

1 AN ACT Relating to creating a permit to authorize the consumption
2 of liquor by members of private clubs in restricted areas of certain
3 premises otherwise open to the general public; and amending RCW
4 66.20.010.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.20.010 and 2023 c 257 s 1 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Upon application in the prescribed form being made to any
9 employee authorized by the board to issue permits, accompanied by
10 payment of the prescribed fee, and upon the employee being satisfied
11 that the applicant should be granted a permit under this title, the
12 employee must issue to the applicant under such regulations and at
13 such fee as may be prescribed by the board a permit of the class
14 applied for, as follows:

15 (1) Where the application is for a special permit by a physician
16 or dentist, or by any person in charge of an institution regularly
17 conducted as a hospital or sanatorium for the care of persons in ill
18 health, or as a home devoted exclusively to the care of aged people,
19 a special liquor purchase permit, except that the governor may waive
20 the requirement for a special liquor purchase permit under this
21 subsection pursuant to an order issued under RCW 43.06.220(2);

1 (2) Where the application is for a special permit by a person
2 engaged within the state in mechanical or manufacturing business or
3 in scientific pursuits requiring alcohol for use therein, or by any
4 private individual, a special permit to purchase alcohol for the
5 purpose named in the permit, except that the governor may waive the
6 requirement for a special liquor purchase permit under this
7 subsection pursuant to an order issued under RCW 43.06.220(2);

8 (3) Where the application is for a special permit to consume
9 liquor at a banquet, at a specified date and place, a special permit
10 to purchase liquor for consumption at such banquet, to such
11 applicants as may be fixed by the board;

12 (4) Where the application is for a special permit to consume
13 liquor on the premises of a business not licensed under this title, a
14 special permit to purchase liquor for consumption thereon for such
15 periods of time and to such applicants as may be fixed by the board;

16 (5) Where the application is for a special permit by a
17 manufacturer to import or purchase within the state alcohol, malt,
18 and other materials containing alcohol to be used in the manufacture
19 of liquor, or other products, a special permit;

20 (6) Where the application is for a special permit by a person
21 operating a drug store to purchase liquor at retail prices only, to
22 be thereafter sold by such person on the prescription of a physician,
23 a special liquor purchase permit, except that the governor may waive
24 the requirement for a special liquor purchase permit under this
25 subsection pursuant to an order issued under RCW 43.06.220(2);

26 (7) Where the application is for a special permit by an
27 authorized representative of a military installation operated by or
28 for any of the armed forces within the geographical boundaries of the
29 state of Washington, a special permit to purchase liquor for use on
30 such military installation;

31 (8) Where the application is for a special permit by a vendor
32 that manufactures or sells a product which cannot be effectively
33 presented to potential buyers without serving it with liquor or by a
34 manufacturer, importer, or distributor, or representative thereof, to
35 serve liquor without charge to delegates and guests at a convention
36 of a trade association composed of licensees of the board, when the
37 said liquor is served in a hospitality room or from a booth in a
38 board-approved suppliers' display room at the convention, and when
39 the liquor so served is for consumption in the said hospitality room
40 or display room during the convention, anything in this title to the

1 contrary notwithstanding. Any such spirituous liquor must be
2 purchased from a spirits retailer or distributor, and any such liquor
3 is subject to the taxes imposed by RCW 82.08.150, 66.24.290, and
4 66.24.210;

5 (9) Where the application is for a special permit by a
6 manufacturer, importer, or distributor, or representative thereof, to
7 donate liquor for a reception, breakfast, luncheon, or dinner for
8 delegates and guests at a convention of a trade association composed
9 of licensees of the board, when the liquor so donated is for
10 consumption at the said reception, breakfast, luncheon, or dinner
11 during the convention, anything in this title to the contrary
12 notwithstanding. Any such spirituous liquor must be purchased from a
13 spirits retailer or distributor, and any such liquor is subject to
14 the taxes imposed by RCW 82.08.150, 66.24.290, and 66.24.210;

15 (10) Where the application is for a special permit by a
16 manufacturer, importer, or distributor, or representative thereof, to
17 donate and/or serve liquor without charge to delegates and guests at
18 an international trade fair, show, or exposition held under the
19 auspices of a federal, state, or local governmental entity or
20 organized and promoted by a nonprofit organization, anything in this
21 title to the contrary notwithstanding. Any such spirituous liquor
22 must be purchased from a liquor spirits retailer or distributor, and
23 any such liquor is subject to the taxes imposed by RCW 82.08.150,
24 66.24.290, and 66.24.210;

25 (11) Where the application is for an annual special permit by a
26 person operating a bed and breakfast lodging facility to donate or
27 serve wine or beer without charge to overnight guests of the facility
28 if the wine or beer is for consumption on the premises of the
29 facility. "Bed and breakfast lodging facility," as used in this
30 subsection, means a facility offering from one to eight lodging units
31 and breakfast to travelers and guests;

32 (12) Where the application is for a special permit to allow
33 tasting of alcohol by persons at least 18 years of age under the
34 following circumstances:

35 (a) The application is from a community or technical college as
36 defined in RCW 28B.50.030, a regional university, or a state
37 university;

38 (b) The person who is permitted to taste under this subsection is
39 enrolled as a student in a required or elective class that is part of
40 a culinary, sommelier, wine business, enology, viticulture, wine

1 technology, beer technology, or spirituous technology-related degree
2 program;

3 (c) The alcohol served to any person in the degree-related
4 programs under (b) of this subsection is tasted but not consumed for
5 the purposes of educational training as part of the class curriculum
6 with the approval of the educational provider;

7 (d) The service and tasting of alcoholic beverages is supervised
8 by a faculty or staff member of the educational provider who is 21
9 years of age or older. The supervising faculty or staff member shall
10 possess a class 12 or 13 alcohol server permit under the provisions
11 of RCW 66.20.310;

12 (e) The enrolled student permitted to taste the alcoholic
13 beverages does not purchase the alcoholic beverages;

14 (f) The enrolled student permitted to taste the alcoholic
15 beverages conducts the tasting either: (i) On the premises of the
16 college or university at which the student is enrolled; or (ii) while
17 on a field trip to a grape-growing area or production facility so
18 long as the enrolled student is accompanied by a faculty or staff
19 member with a class 12 or 13 alcohol server permit who supervises as
20 provided in (d) of this subsection and all other requirements of this
21 subsection (12) are met; and

22 (g) The permit fee for the special permit provided for in this
23 subsection (12) must be waived by the board;

24 (13) Where the application is for a special permit by a
25 distillery or craft distillery for an event not open to the general
26 public to be held or conducted at a specific place, including at the
27 licensed premise of the applying distillery or craft distillery, upon
28 a specific date for the purpose of tasting and selling spirits of its
29 own production. The distillery or craft distillery must obtain a
30 permit for a fee of \$10 per event. An application for the permit must
31 be submitted for private banquet permits prior to the event and, once
32 issued, must be posted in a conspicuous place at the premises for
33 which the permit was issued during all times the permit is in use. No
34 licensee may receive more than 12 permits under this subsection (13)
35 each year;

36 (14) Where the application is for a special permit by a
37 manufacturer of wine for an event not open to the general public to
38 be held or conducted at a specific place upon a specific date for the
39 purpose of tasting and selling wine of its own production. The winery
40 must obtain a permit for a fee of \$10 per event. An application for

1 the permit must be submitted at least ten days before the event and
2 once issued, must be posted in a conspicuous place at the premises
3 for which the permit was issued during all times the permit is in
4 use. No more than 12 events per year may be held by a single
5 manufacturer under this subsection;

6 (15) Where the application is for a special permit by a
7 manufacturer of beer for an event not open to the general public to
8 be held or conducted at a specific place upon a specific date for the
9 purpose of tasting and selling beer of its own production. The
10 brewery or microbrewery must obtain a permit for a fee of \$10 per
11 event. An application for the permit must be submitted at least 10
12 days before the event and, once issued, must be posted in a
13 conspicuous place at the premises for which the permit was issued
14 during all times the permit is in use. No more than 12 events per
15 year may be held by a single manufacturer under this subsection;

16 (16) Where the application is for a special permit by an
17 individual or business to sell a private collection of wine or
18 spirits to an individual or business. The seller must obtain a permit
19 at least five business days before the sale, for a fee of \$25 per
20 sale. The seller must provide an inventory of products sold and the
21 agreed price on a form provided by the board. The seller shall submit
22 the report and taxes due to the board no later than 20 calendar days
23 after the sale. A permit may be issued under this section to allow
24 the sale of a private collection to licensees, but may not be issued
25 to a licensee to sell to a private individual or business which is
26 not otherwise authorized under the license held by the seller. If the
27 liquor is purchased by a licensee, all sales are subject to taxes
28 assessed as on liquor acquired from any other source. The board may
29 adopt rules to implement this section;

30 (17)(a) A special permit, where the application is for a special
31 permit by a nonprofit organization to sell wine through an auction,
32 not open to the public, to be conducted at a specific place, upon a
33 specific date, and to allow wine tastings at the auction of the wine
34 to be auctioned.

35 (b) A permit holder under this subsection (17) may at the
36 specified event:

37 (i) Sell wine by auction for off-premises consumption; and

38 (ii) Allow tastings of samples of the wine to be auctioned at the
39 event.

1 (c) An application is required for a permit under this subsection
2 (17). The application must be submitted prior to the event and once
3 issued must be posted in a conspicuous place at the premises for
4 which the permit was issued during all times the permit is in use.

5 (d) Wine from more than one winery may be sold at the auction;
6 however, each winery selling wine at the auction must be listed on
7 the permit application. Only a single application form may be
8 required for each auction, regardless of the number of wineries that
9 are selling wine at the auction. The total fee per event for a permit
10 issued under this subsection (17) is \$25 multiplied by the number of
11 wineries that are selling wine at the auction.

12 (e) For the purposes of this subsection (17), "nonprofit
13 organization" means an entity incorporated as a nonprofit
14 organization under Washington state law.

15 (f) The board may adopt rules to implement this section; ~~((and))~~

16 (18) An annual special permit to allow a short-term rental
17 operator to provide one complimentary bottle of wine to rental guests
18 who are age 21 or over. The annual special permit fee is \$75. A
19 single permit applies to all rental properties owned or operated by
20 the short-term rental operator and identified in the permit
21 application. One complimentary bottle of wine per booking may be
22 provided, regardless of the total number of rental guests. The
23 provision of the complimentary bottle of wine may occur only after an
24 operator or staff person of the short-term rental, who is present at
25 the short-term rental property, verifies that each rental guest who
26 will consume the complimentary bottle of wine is age 21 or over by
27 checking a valid form of identification of each such rental guest at
28 the time rental guests arrive. The rental guests must be informed the
29 rental guests are being offered one complimentary bottle of wine and
30 that opening or consuming the bottle of wine in a public place is
31 illegal pursuant to RCW 66.44.100. The rental guests must not have
32 notified the operator that the rental guests decline the
33 complimentary bottle of wine. The complimentary bottle of wine may be
34 consumed on the premises of the rental property or removed and
35 consumed off the premises of the rental property. A permit holder may
36 purchase wine from wine distributors in accordance with RCW
37 66.24.200, and from retailers and other suppliers of wine authorized
38 under this title to sell wine at retail to consumers for off-premises
39 consumption. For purposes of this subsection, the terms "short-term

1 rental," "operator," and "guest" have the same meanings as in RCW
2 64.37.010; and

3 (19) An annual special permit designated as an establishment
4 private club permit to be issued to a person or business for a
5 premises at which a business that is open to the general public and
6 does not sell or advertise liquor is located. The annual special
7 permit fee is \$125. Subject to the requirements in this subsection,
8 an establishment private club permit authorizes the consumption of
9 liquor by members of a private club who are age 21 or over in a
10 restricted area of the premises that is separate from the areas to
11 which the general public has access. The following requirements apply
12 to permit holders and to alcohol consumption authorized under this
13 subsection: (a) No liquor may be sold or provided by the permit
14 holder to the general public or to members of the private club, or by
15 the private club or members of the private club to the general
16 public; (b) liquor consumed on the premises by a member of the
17 private club must not be provided by the permit holder; (c) only
18 members of the private club who are age 21 or over may consume liquor
19 on the premises and only when in a restricted area of the premises
20 that is not accessible to or advertised to the general public; and
21 (d) no person under 21 years of age may be present in the restricted
22 area while alcohol is being consumed.

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