
HOUSE BILL 2495

State of Washington

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By Representatives Rude, Macri, and Walen

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1 AN ACT Relating to rules of the liquor and cannabis board
2 regarding clothing and conduct of licensees, employees, patrons, and
3 persons at liquor licensed establishments; and creating new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that on the weekend
6 of January 26, 2024, several establishments in Seattle, including
7 several LGBTQ bars and clubs, experienced enforcement activity in a
8 manner causing alarm for patrons and staff. While there were no
9 citations, violations of a lewd conduct rule were noted for levels of
10 exposure. The legislature finds that those levels of exposure and the
11 conduct occurring would not be considered lewd conduct in most public
12 settings even where minors are allowed. The legislature intends to
13 require the rules of the liquor and cannabis board regarding clothing
14 and attire worn by licensees, employees, patrons, or other persons at
15 liquor licensed establishments, and the sexually oriented conduct of
16 liquor licensees, employees, patrons, or other persons at liquor
17 licensed establishments, to be updated to not be more restrictive in
18 liquor licensed establishments than the applicable legal standard for
19 indecent exposure in outdoor public settings.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The liquor and cannabis board shall update
2 and replace rules in WAC 314-11-050 related to clothing and attire
3 worn by liquor licensees, employees, patrons, and other persons at
4 liquor licensed establishments, and the conduct and acts of
5 licensees, employees, patrons, or other persons at liquor licensed
6 establishments. Rules may not be more restrictive regarding clothing
7 and attire or conduct and acts at liquor licensed establishments,
8 relative to the legal standard in RCW 9A.88.010 for indecent
9 exposure, as it applies in other public settings such as swimming
10 pools and public parks.

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