

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 1730

Chapter 158, Laws of 2023

(partial veto)

68th Legislature
2023 Regular Session

LIQUOR LICENSEES—EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS AGED 18, 19, AND 20

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 23, 2023

Passed by the House March 8, 2023
Yeas 84 Nays 13

LAURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of
Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 7, 2023
Yeas 44 Nays 4

DENNY HECK

President of the Senate

Approved April 20, 2023 2:58 PM with
the exception of section 3, which is
vetoed.

JAY INSLEE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the
House of Representatives of the
State of Washington, do hereby
certify that the attached is **HOUSE
BILL 1730** as passed by the House of
Representatives and the Senate on
the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

Chief Clerk

FILED

April 21, 2023

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

1 employed in establishments traditionally classified as off-limits to
2 persons under the age of 21.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 66.44.316 and 1985 c 323 s 1 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) It is lawful for:

6 ~~((1))~~ (a) Professional musicians, professional disc jockeys, or
7 professional sound or lighting technicians actively engaged in
8 support of professional musicians or professional disc jockeys,
9 ~~((eighteen))~~ 18 years of age and older, to enter and to remain in any
10 premises licensed under the provisions of ~~((Title 66 RCW))~~ this
11 title, but only during and in the course of their employment as
12 musicians, disc jockeys, or sound or lighting technicians;

13 ~~((2))~~ (b) Persons ~~((eighteen))~~ 18 years of age and older
14 performing janitorial services to enter and remain on premises
15 licensed under the provisions of ~~((Title 66 RCW))~~ this title when the
16 premises are closed but only during and in the course of their
17 performance of janitorial services;

18 ~~((3))~~ (c) Employees of amusement device companies, which
19 employees are ~~((eighteen))~~ 18 years of age or older, to enter and to
20 remain in any premises licensed under the provisions of ~~((Title 66~~
21 ~~RCW))~~ this title, but only during and in the course of their
22 employment for the purpose of installing, maintaining, repairing, or
23 removing an amusement device. For the purposes of this section
24 amusement device means coin-operated video games, pinball machines,
25 juke boxes, or other similar devices; ~~((and~~

26 ~~((4))~~ (d) Security and law enforcement officers, and firefighters
27 ~~((eighteen))~~ 18 years of age or older to enter and to remain in any
28 premises licensed under ~~((Title 66 RCW))~~ this title, but only during
29 and in the course of their official duties and only if they are not
30 the direct employees of the licensee. However, the application of
31 ~~((the [this]))~~ this subsection to security officers is limited to
32 casual, isolated incidents arising in the course of their duties and
33 does not extend to continuous or frequent entering or remaining in
34 any licensed premises; and

35 (e) Persons 18 years of age and older performing services
36 unrelated to the sale or service of alcohol to enter and remain on
37 premises licensed under this title, but only during and in the course
38 of their employment as a dishwasher, cook, chef, sanitation

1 specialist, or other kitchen staff and only under the following
2 conditions:

3 (i) The individual may not perform any services or work in the
4 bar, lounge, or dining area of the licensed premises;

5 (ii) The individual may not serve food, drinks, or otherwise
6 interact with the patrons of the licensee;

7 (iii) The individual may never be in possession of or consume
8 alcohol at any time; and

9 (iv) The licensee must ensure that a supervisor, who is at least
10 21 years of age, is present at all times that an individual employed
11 under this section is working.

12 (2) This section shall not be construed as permitting the sale or
13 distribution of any alcoholic beverages to any person under the age
14 of ((twenty-one)) 21 years.

15 ****NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate***
16 ***preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of***
17 ***the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes***
18 ***effect immediately.***

****Sec. 3 was vetoed. See message at end of chapter.***

Passed by the House March 8, 2023.

Passed by the Senate April 7, 2023.

Approved by the Governor April 20, 2023, with the exception of certain items that were vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State April 21, 2023.

Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Section 3, House Bill No. 1730 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to allowing youth ages 18 and older to work in establishments traditionally classified as off-limits to persons under the age of 21 in certain specific and limited circumstances."

This bill would make permanent certain temporary emergency provisions adopted in response to the COVID pandemic, but those emergency provisions lapsed in September of 2022. Section 3 is an emergency clause, which would make this bill effective immediately. This legislation is not necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions.

For these reasons I have vetoed Section 3 of House Bill No. 1730.

With the exception of Section 3, House Bill No. 1730 is approved."

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