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By Representatives Springer and Wylie

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1 AN ACT Relating to catered events with alcohol; and amending RCW
2 66.24.690.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.24.690 and 2021 c 6 s 19 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) There shall be a caterer's license to sell spirits, beer, and
7 wine, by the individual serving, at retail, for consumption on the
8 premises at an event location that is either owned, leased, or
9 operated either by the caterer or the sponsor of the event for which
10 catering services are being provided. ~~((If the event is))~~ The event
11 may be open to the public, ~~((it must be sponsored by a society or~~
12 ~~organization as defined in RCW 66.24.375. If))~~ or attendance at the
13 event ~~((is))~~ may be limited to members or invited guests of the
14 sponsoring individual, society, ~~((or))~~ organization, ~~((the~~
15 ~~requirement that the sponsor must be a society or organization as~~
16 ~~defined in RCW 66.24.375 is waived))~~ corporation, business, or other
17 for-profit or nonprofit entity. The licensee must serve food as
18 required by rules of the board.

19 (2)(a) The annual fee is two hundred dollars for the beer
20 license, two hundred dollars for the wine license, or four hundred

1 dollars for a combination beer and wine license. The annual fee for a
2 combined beer, wine, and spirits license is one thousand dollars.

3 (b) The annual fees in (a) of this subsection are waived during
4 the 12-month period beginning with the second calendar month after
5 February 28, 2021, for:

6 (i) Licenses that expire during the 12-month waiver period under
7 this subsection (2)(b); and

8 (ii) Licenses issued to persons previously licensed under this
9 section at any time during the 12-month period prior to the 12-month
10 waiver period under this subsection (2)(b).

11 (c) The waivers in (b) of this subsection do not apply to any
12 licensee that:

13 (i) Had their license suspended by the board for health and
14 safety violations of state COVID-19 guidelines; or

15 (ii) Received an order of immediate restraint or citation from
16 the department of labor and industries for allowing an employee to
17 perform work where business activity was prohibited in violation of
18 an emergency proclamation of the governor under RCW 43.06.220.

19 (d) Upon request of the department of revenue, the board and the
20 department of labor and industries must both provide a list of
21 persons that they have determined to be ineligible for a fee waiver
22 under (b) of this subsection for the reasons described in (c) of this
23 subsection. Unless otherwise agreed, any list must be received by the
24 department of revenue no later than 15 calendar days after the
25 request is made.

26 (3) The holder of this license shall notify the board or its
27 designee of the date, time, place, and location of any catered event
28 at which liquor will be served, sold, or consumed. The board shall
29 create rules detailing notification requirements. Upon request, the
30 licensee shall provide to the board all necessary or requested
31 information concerning the individual, society, ~~((or))~~ organization,
32 corporation, business, or other for-profit or nonprofit entity, that
33 will be holding the catered function at which the caterer's liquor
34 license will be utilized.

35 (4) The holder of this license may, under conditions established
36 by the board, store liquor on other premises operated by the licensee
37 so long as the other premises are owned or controlled by a leasehold
38 interest by that licensee.

1 (5) The holder of this license is prohibited from catering events
2 at locations that are already licensed to sell liquor under this
3 chapter.

4 (6) The holder of this license is responsible for all sales,
5 service, and consumption of alcohol at the location of the catered
6 event.

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