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By House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Cairnes, Romero and Thompson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to liquor licenses for sports entertainment
2 facilities; amending RCW 66.20.300 and 66.20.310; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 66.24 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 66.24 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) There is a license for sports entertainment facilities to be
8 designated as a class R license to sell beer, wine, and spirits at
9 retail, for consumption upon the premises only, the license to be
10 issued to the entity providing food and beverage service at a sports
11 entertainment facility as defined in this section. The cost of the
12 license is two thousand five hundred dollars per annum.

13 (2) For purposes of this section, a sports entertainment facility
14 includes a publicly or privately owned arena, coliseum, stadium, or
15 facility where sporting events are presented for a price of admission.
16 The facility does not have to be exclusively used for sporting events.

17 (3) The board may impose reasonable requirements upon a licensee
18 under this section, such as requirements for the availability of food
19 and victuals including but not limited to hamburgers, sandwiches,

1 salads, or other snack food. The board may also restrict the type of
2 events at a sports entertainment facility at which beer, wine, and
3 spirits may be served. When imposing conditions for a licensee, the
4 board must consider the seating accommodations, eating facilities, and
5 circulation patterns in such a facility, and other amenities available
6 at a sports entertainment facility.

7 **Sec. 2.** RCW 66.20.300 and 1995 c 51 s 2 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
10 this section apply throughout RCW 66.20.310 through 66.20.350.

11 (1) "Alcohol" has the same meaning as "liquor" in RCW 66.04.010.

12 (2) "Alcohol server" means any person serving or selling alcohol,
13 spirits, wines, or beer for consumption at an on-premises retail
14 licensed facility as a regular requirement of his or her employment,
15 and includes those persons eighteen years of age or older permitted by
16 the liquor laws of this state to serve alcoholic beverages with meals.

17 (3) "Board" means the Washington state liquor control board.

18 (4) "Training entity" means any liquor licensee associations,
19 independent contractors, private persons, and private or public
20 schools, that have been certified by the board.

21 (5) "Retail licensed premises" means any premises licensed to sell
22 alcohol by the glass or by the drink, or in original containers
23 primarily for consumption on the premises as authorized by RCW
24 66.24.320, 66.24.330, 66.24.340, 66.24.350, 66.24.400, 66.24.425,
25 (~~and~~) 66.24.450, and section 1 of this act.

26 **Sec. 3.** RCW 66.20.310 and 1995 c 51 s 3 are each amended to read
27 as follows:

28 (1)(a) There shall be an alcohol server permit, known as a class 12
29 permit, for a manager or bartender selling or mixing alcohol, spirits,
30 wines, or beer for consumption at an on-premises licensed facility.

31 (b) There shall be an alcohol server permit, known as a class 13
32 permit, for a person who only serves alcohol, spirits, wines, or beer
33 for consumption at an on-premises licensed facility.

34 (c) As provided by rule by the board, a class 13 permit holder may
35 be allowed to act as a bartender without holding a class 12 permit.

36 (2)(a) Effective July 1, 1996, except as provided in (d) of this
37 subsection, every person employed, under contract or otherwise, by an

1 annual retail liquor licensee holding a license as authorized by RCW
2 66.24.320, 66.24.330, 66.24.340, 66.24.350, 66.24.400, 66.24.425,
3 ((or)) 66.24.450, or section 1 of this act, who as part of his or her
4 employment participates in any manner in the sale or service of
5 alcoholic beverages shall have issued to them a class 12 or class 13
6 permit.

7 (b) Every class 12 and class 13 permit issued shall be issued in
8 the name of the applicant and no other person may use the permit of
9 another permit holder. The holder shall present the permit upon
10 request to inspection by a representative of the board or a peace
11 officer. The class 12 or class 13 permit shall be valid for employment
12 at any retail licensed premises described in (a) of this subsection.

13 (c) No licensee described in (a) of this subsection, except as
14 provided in (d) of this subsection, may employ or accept the services
15 of any person without the person first having a valid class 12 or class
16 13 permit.

17 (d) Within sixty days of initial employment, every person whose
18 duties include the compounding, sale, service, or handling of liquor
19 shall have a class 12 or class 13 permit.

20 (e) No person may perform duties that include the sale or service
21 of alcoholic beverages on a retail licensed premises without possessing
22 a valid alcohol server permit.

23 (3) A permit issued by a training entity under this section is
24 valid for employment at any retail licensed premises described in
25 subsection (2)(a) of this section for a period of five years unless
26 suspended by the board.

27 (4) The board may suspend or revoke an existing permit if any of
28 the following occur:

29 (a) The applicant or permittee has been convicted of violating any
30 of the state or local intoxicating liquor laws of this state or has
31 been convicted at any time of a felony; or

32 (b) The permittee has performed or permitted any act that
33 constitutes a violation of this title or of any rule of the board.

34 (5) The suspension or revocation of a permit under this section
35 does not relieve a licensee from responsibility for any act of the
36 employee or agent while employed upon the retail licensed premises.
37 The board may, as appropriate, revoke or suspend either the permit of
38 the employee who committed the violation or the license of the licensee

1 upon whose premises the violation occurred, or both the permit and the
2 license.

3 (6)(a) After July 1, 1996, it is a violation of this title for any
4 retail licensee or agent of a retail licensee as described in
5 subsection (2)(a) of this section to employ in the sale or service of
6 alcoholic beverages, any person who does not have a valid alcohol
7 server permit or whose permit has been revoked, suspended, or denied.

8 (b) It is a violation of this title for a person whose alcohol
9 server permit has been denied, suspended, or revoked to accept
10 employment in the sale or service of alcoholic beverages.

11 (7) Establishments licensed under RCW 66.24.320 and 66.24.340, the
12 primary commercial activity of which is the sale of grocery products
13 and for which the sale and service of beer and wine is incidental to
14 the primary business, and employees of such establishments, are exempt
15 from RCW 66.20.300 through 66.20.350.

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