

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6148

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Commerce & Labor, January 27, 2014

Title: An act relating to snack bar licenses.

Brief Description: Concerning snack bar licenses.

Sponsors: Senators King and Kohl-Welles; by request of Liquor Control Board.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Commerce & Labor: 1/24/14, 1/27/14 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Holmquist Newbry, Chair; Braun, Vice Chair; Conway, Ranking Member; Hasegawa, Hewitt, King and Kohl-Welles.

Staff: Edith Rice (786-7444)

Background: A snack bar liquor license allows the licensee to serve beer by the opened can or bottle for on-premises consumption. The only food requirement for this liquor license is snack food such as chips, popcorn, or peanuts. However, the sale of beer is not the principal business conducted. The fee for this license is \$125 per year. Many license applicants apply for a beer and wine restaurant liquor license in order to be able to also serve wine to their customers. The restaurant must provide minimum food service, which may include sandwiches, salad, soup, pizza, hamburgers, or fry orders.

Summary of Bill: A beer and wine snack bar license now enables the licensee to sell beer by the opened bottle or can and wine by the individual glass. Sales are for on-premises consumption in an area approved by the Liquor Control Board. The annual license fee remains at \$125.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This will help licensees who want to serve wine by the glass without needing to comply with the food requirements of a restaurant licensee.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Alan Rathbun, Licensing Director, WA State Liquor Control Board.