

**Chapter 66.98 RCW  
CONSTRUCTION**

**Sections**

- 66.98.010 Short title.
- 66.98.020 Severability and construction—1933 ex.s. c 62.
- 66.98.030 Effect of act on certain laws—1933 ex.s. c 62.
- 66.98.040 Effective date and application—1937 c 217.
- 66.98.050 Effective date and application—1939 c 172.
- 66.98.060 Rights of spirits, beer, and wine restaurant licensees—  
1949 c 5.
- 66.98.070 Regulations by board—1949 c 5.
- 66.98.100 Effective date—1981 1st ex.s. c 5.

**RCW 66.98.010 Short title.** This act may be cited as the "Washington State Liquor Act." [1933 ex.s. c 62 § 1; RRS § 7306-1.]

**RCW 66.98.020 Severability and construction—1933 ex.s. c 62.** If any clause, part, or section of this act shall be adjudged invalid, such judgment shall not affect nor invalidate the remainder of the act, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, part, or section directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment was rendered. If the operation of any clause, part, or section of this act shall be held to impair the obligation of contract, or to deny to any person any right or protection secured to him or her by the Constitution of the United States of America, or by the Constitution of the state of Washington, it is hereby declared that, had the invalidity of such clause, part[, ] or section been considered at the time of the enactment of this act, the remainder of the act would nevertheless have been adopted without such and any and all such invalid clauses, parts, or sections. [2012 c 117 § 293; 1933 ex.s. c 62 § 94; RRS § 7306-94.]

**RCW 66.98.030 Effect of act on certain laws—1933 ex.s. c 62.** Nothing in this act shall be construed to amend or repeal chapter 2 of the Laws of 1933, or any portion thereof. [1933 ex.s. c 62 § 95; RRS § 7306-95.]

**Reviser's note:** 1933 c 2 referred to herein consisted of two sections, section 1 of which is codified as RCW 66.44.320 and section 2 was a repeal of earlier liquor laws.

**RCW 66.98.040 Effective date and application—1937 c 217.** This act is necessary for the support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That any person, who shall at the time this act takes effect be the bona fide holder of a license duly issued under \*chapter 62, Laws of 1933, extraordinary session, as amended by chapters 13, 80, 158 and 174, Laws of 1935, shall be entitled to exercise the rights and privileges granted by such license until the 30th day of September, 1937: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That all persons lawfully engaged in activities not required to be licensed prior to

the taking effect of this act but which are required to be licensed under the provisions of this act shall have thirty days from and after the taking effect of this act in which to comply with the same. [1937 c 217 § 8; RRS § 7306-97.]

**\*Reviser's note:** Chapter 62, Laws of 1933, extraordinary session, is the basic liquor act codified in this title. The 1937 act in which it appears amended it.

**RCW 66.98.050 Effective date and application—1939 c 172.** This act is necessary for the support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That any person, who shall at the time this act takes effect be the bona fide holder of a license duly issued under \*chapter 62, Laws of 1933, extraordinary session, as amended by chapters 13, 80, 158 and 174, Laws of 1935 and chapters 62 and 217, Laws of 1937, shall be entitled to exercise the rights and privileges granted by such license until the 30th day of September, 1939: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That all persons lawfully engaged in activities not required to be licensed prior to the taking effect of this act but which are required to be licensed under the provisions of this act shall have thirty days from and after the taking effect of this act in which to comply with the same. [1939 c 172 § 11; RRS § 7306-97a.]

**\*Reviser's note:** Chapter 62, Laws of 1933, extraordinary session, is the basic liquor act codified in this title. The 1939 act in which it appears amended it.

**RCW 66.98.060 Rights of spirits, beer, and wine restaurant licensees—1949 c 5.** Notwithstanding any provisions of chapter 62, Laws of 1933 ex. sess., as last amended, or of any provisions of any other law which may otherwise be applicable, it shall be lawful for the holder of a spirits, beer, and wine restaurant license to sell beer, wine, and spirituous liquor in this state in accordance with the terms of chapter 5, Laws of 1949. [1998 c 126 § 15; 1997 c 321 § 54; 1949 c 5 § 14; No RRS. Formerly: RCW 66.24.460.]

**Effective date—1998 c 126:** See note following RCW 66.20.010.

**Effective date—1997 c 321:** See note following RCW 66.24.010.

**RCW 66.98.070 Regulations by board—1949 c 5.** For the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act, the board shall have the same power to make regulations not inconsistent with the spirit of this act as is provided by RCW 66.08.030. [1949 c 5 § 15; No RRS. Formerly: RCW 66.24.470.]

**RCW 66.98.100 Effective date—1981 1st ex.s. c 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect July 1, 1981. [1981 1st ex.s. c 5 § 51.]