
SENATE BILL 6297

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By Senators Moore, Prentice and Newhouse; by request of Liquor Control Board

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1 AN ACT Relating to eliminating the requirement for revenue stamps
2 on beer packages and containers; and amending RCW 66.24.290 and
3 66.24.300.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.24.290 and 1993 c 492 s 311 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) Any brewer or beer wholesaler licensed under this title may
8 sell and deliver beer to holders of authorized licenses direct, but to
9 no other person, other than the board; and every such brewer or beer
10 wholesaler shall report all sales to the board monthly, pursuant to the
11 regulations, and shall pay to the board as an added tax for the
12 privilege of manufacturing and selling the beer within the state a tax
13 of two dollars and sixty cents per barrel of thirty-one gallons on
14 sales to licensees within the state and on sales to licensees within
15 the state of bottled and canned beer shall pay a tax computed in
16 gallons at the rate of two dollars and sixty cents per barrel of
17 thirty-one gallons. Any brewer or beer wholesaler whose applicable tax
18 payment is not postmarked by the twentieth day following the month of
19 sale will be assessed a penalty at the rate of two percent per month or

1 fraction thereof. ((Each such brewer or wholesaler shall procure from
2 the board revenue stamps representing such tax in form prescribed by
3 the board and shall affix the same to the barrel or package in such
4 manner and in such denominations as required by the board, and shall
5 cancel the same prior to commencing delivery from his or her place of
6 business or warehouse of such barrels or packages.)) Beer shall be
7 sold by brewers and wholesalers in sealed barrels or packages. ((The
8 revenue stamps provided under this section need not be affixed and
9 canceled in the making of resales of barrels or packages already taxed
10 by the affixation and cancellation of stamps as provided in this
11 section.))

12 (2) An additional tax is imposed equal to seven percent multiplied
13 by the tax payable under subsection (1) of this section. All revenues
14 collected during any month from this additional tax shall be
15 transferred to the state general fund by the twenty-fifth day of the
16 following month.

17 (3) Until July 1, 1995, an additional tax is imposed on all beer
18 subject to tax under subsection (1) of this section. The additional
19 tax is equal to two dollars per barrel of thirty-one gallons. All
20 revenues collected during any month from this additional tax shall be
21 deposited in the drug enforcement and education account under RCW
22 69.50.520 by the twenty-fifth day of the following month.

23 (4)(a) An additional tax is imposed on all beer subject to tax
24 under subsection (1) of this section. The additional tax is equal to
25 ninety-six cents per barrel of thirty-one gallons through June 30,
26 1995, two dollars and thirty-nine cents per barrel of thirty-one
27 gallons for the period July 1, 1995, through June 30, 1997, and four
28 dollars and seventy-eight cents per barrel of thirty-one gallons
29 thereafter.

30 (b) The additional tax imposed under this subsection does not apply
31 to the sale of the first sixty thousand barrels of beer each year by
32 breweries that are entitled to a reduced rate of tax under 26 U.S.C.
33 Sec. 5051, as existing on July 1, 1993, or such subsequent date as may
34 be provided by the board by rule consistent with the purposes of this
35 exemption.

36 (c) All revenues collected from the additional tax imposed under
37 this subsection (4) shall be deposited in the health services account
38 under RCW 43.72.900.

1 (5) The tax imposed under this section shall not apply to "strong
2 beer" as defined in this title.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 66.24.300 and 1951 c 93 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) The board may make refunds for all ((stamp)) taxes paid on beer
6 exported from the state for use outside the state((, and also for tax
7 stamps destroyed prior to the consummation of any sale of beer within
8 the state, or for unused stamps returned to the board)).

9 (2) The board ((may waive the use of revenue stamps in the
10 collection of the tax on beer. If the tax is not collected by means of
11 stamps, the board may)) shall require filing with the board of a bond
12 to be approved by it, in such amount as the board may fix, securing the
13 payment of the tax. If any licensee fails to pay the tax when due, the
14 board may forthwith suspend or cancel his license until all taxes are
15 paid.

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