
SENATE BILL 5664

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1 AN ACT Relating to credit and debit card purchases in state liquor
2 stores; and amending RCW 66.08.026 and 66.16.041.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.08.026 and 1996 c 291 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 All administrative expenses of the board incurred on and after
7 April 1, 1963 shall be appropriated and paid from the liquor revolving
8 fund. These administrative expenses shall include, but not be limited
9 to: The salaries and expenses of the board and its employees, the cost
10 of establishing, leasing, maintaining, and operating state liquor
11 stores and warehouses, legal services, pilot projects, annual or other
12 audits, and other general costs of conducting the business of the
13 board. The administrative expenses shall not, however, be deemed to
14 include costs of liquor and lottery tickets purchased, the cost of
15 transportation and delivery to the point of distribution, other costs
16 pertaining to the acquisition and receipt of liquor and lottery
17 tickets, packaging and repackaging of liquor, transaction fees
18 associated with credit card purchases pursuant to RCW 66.16.040, sales

1 tax, and those amounts distributed pursuant to RCW 66.08.180,
2 66.08.190, 66.08.200, 66.08.210 and 66.08.220.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 66.16.041 and 1996 c 291 s 2 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) The state liquor control board shall ~~((allow))~~ accept bank
6 credit card and debit cards from nonlicensees for purchases in ~~((a~~
7 ~~pilot project to study and test the use of credit cards in))~~ state
8 liquor stores~~((. In order to conduct the pilot project, the board~~
9 ~~shall, by rule:~~

- 10 ~~(a) Establish the criteria for selecting store test sites;~~
11 ~~(b) Limit the pilot project to eighteen months in duration;~~
12 ~~(c) Include no more than twenty stores;~~
13 ~~(d) Include the use of debit cards; and~~
14 ~~(e) Allow only nonlicensees to make credit card purchases.))~~, under
15 such rules as the board may adopt. The board shall authorize liquor
16 vendors appointed under RCW 66.08.050 to accept bank credit cards and
17 debit cards for liquor purchases under this title, under such rules as
18 the board may adopt.

19 (2) The board shall provide a report ~~((of the results))~~ evaluating
20 the implementation of this section to the appropriate committees of the
21 legislature by January 1, 1998.

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