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HOUSE BILL 1594

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1            AN ACT Relating to the merchandising of beer and wine by employees  
2 between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one on or about a licensee's  
3 premises; and amending RCW 66.44.318.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.44.318 and 1995 c 100 s 2 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            Licensees holding nonretail class liquor licenses are permitted to  
8 allow their employees between (~~{the}~~) the ages of eighteen and  
9 twenty-one to stock, merchandise, and handle beer or wine on or about  
10 the nonretail premises if there is an adult twenty-one years of age or  
11 older on duty supervising such activities on the premises, and  
12 licensees holding grocery store or beer and/or wine specialty shop  
13 licenses exclusively are permitted to allow employees of the nonretail  
14 class liquor licensee between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one to  
15 stock, merchandise, or handle beer or wine on or about the retail  
16 licensee's premises as long as there is an adult twenty-one years of  
17 age or older, employed by the retail licensee, present at the retail  
18 licensee's premises during these activities. However, except as  
19 provided in this section, nothing shall be construed to permit a

1 nonretail licensee's employee between the ages of eighteen and twenty-  
2 one to handle, transport, or otherwise possess beer or wine beyond the  
3 premises of the retail licensee and any act or omission of the  
4 nonretail licensee's employee occurring at or about the retail  
5 licensee's premises, which violates any provision of this title, is the  
6 sole responsibility of the nonretail licensee employer. Nothing in  
7 this section absolves the retail licensee from responsibility for the  
8 acts or omissions of its own employees which violate any provision of  
9 this title.

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