
HOUSE BILL 2341

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1 AN ACT Relating to studying and testing the use of credit cards in
2 state liquor stores; amending RCW 66.16.040 and 66.08.026; and creating
3 a new section.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.16.040 and 1995 c 16 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Except as otherwise provided by law, an employee in a state liquor
8 store or agency may sell liquor to any person of legal age to purchase
9 alcoholic beverages and may also sell to holders of permits such liquor
10 as may be purchased under such permits.

11 Where there may be a question of a person's right to purchase
12 liquor by reason of age, such person shall be required to present any
13 one of the following officially issued cards of identification which
14 shows his/her correct age and bears his/her signature and photograph:

15 (1) Liquor control authority card of identification of any state or
16 province of Canada.

17 (2) Driver's license, instruction permit or identification card of
18 any state or province of Canada, or "identocard" issued by the
19 Washington state department of licensing pursuant to RCW 46.20.117.

1 (3) United States armed forces identification card issued to active
2 duty, reserve, and retired personnel and the personnel's dependents.

3 (4) Passport.

4 (5) Merchant Marine identification card issued by the United States
5 Coast Guard.

6 The board may adopt such regulations as it deems proper covering
7 the acceptance of such cards of identification.

8 No liquor sold under this section shall be delivered until the
9 purchaser has paid for the liquor in cash, except as allowed under
10 section 2 of this act. The use of a personal credit card does not rely
11 upon the credit of the state as prohibited by Article VIII, section 5
12 of the state Constitution.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The state liquor control board shall
14 allow credit card purchases in a pilot project to study and test the
15 use of credit cards in state liquor stores. In order to conduct the
16 pilot project, the board shall, by rule:

17 (a) Establish the criteria for selecting store test sites;

18 (b) Limit the study to twelve months in duration;

19 (c) Include no more than twenty stores;

20 (d) Include the use of debit cards; and

21 (e) Allow only nonlicensees to make credit card purchases.

22 (2) After the study is complete, the board shall continue with the
23 project until a report of the results is made to the legislature and
24 the legislature decides whether to expand credit card services to the
25 rest of the stores state-wide or to discontinue the project.

26 **Sec. 3.** RCW 66.08.026 and 1983 c 160 s 2 are each amended to read
27 as follows:

28 All administrative expenses of the board incurred on and after
29 April 1, 1963 shall be appropriated and paid from the liquor revolving
30 fund. These administrative expenses shall include, but not be limited
31 to: The salaries and expenses of the board and its employees, the cost
32 of establishing, leasing, maintaining, and operating state liquor
33 stores and warehouses, legal services, pilot projects, annual or other
34 audits, and other general costs of conducting the business of the
35 board. The administrative expenses shall not, however, be deemed to
36 include costs of liquor and lottery tickets purchased, the cost of
37 transportation and delivery to the point of distribution, other costs

1 pertaining to the acquisition and receipt of liquor and lottery
2 tickets, packaging and repackaging of liquor, sales tax, and those
3 amounts distributed pursuant to RCW 66.08.180, 66.08.190, 66.08.200,
4 66.08.210 and 66.08.220.

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