

HOUSE BILL 2368

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1            AN ACT Relating to class H liquor licenses at civic or convention  
2 centers; and amending RCW 66.24.420.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.24.420 and 1995 c 55 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) The class H license shall be issued in accordance with the  
7 following schedule of annual fees:

8            (a) The annual fee for said license, if issued to a club, whether  
9 inside or outside of incorporated cities and towns, shall be seven  
10 hundred dollars.

11            (b) The annual fee for said license, if issued to any other class  
12 H licensee in incorporated cities and towns, shall be graduated  
13 according to the population thereof as follows:

14	Incorporated	
15	Cities and towns	Fees
16	Less than 20,000	\$1,200
17	20,000 or over	\$2,000

1 (c) The annual fee for said license when issued to any other class  
2 H licensee outside of incorporated cities and towns shall be: Two  
3 thousand dollars; this fee shall be prorated according to the calendar  
4 quarters, or portion thereof, during which the licensee is open for  
5 business, except in case of suspension or revocation of the license.

6 (d) Where the license shall be issued to any corporation,  
7 association or person operating a bona fide restaurant in an airport  
8 terminal facility providing service to transient passengers with more  
9 than one place where liquor is to be dispensed and sold, such license  
10 shall be issued upon the payment of the annual fee, which shall be a  
11 master license and shall permit such sale within and from one such  
12 place. Such license may be extended to additional places on the  
13 premises at the discretion of the board and a duplicate license may be  
14 issued for each such additional place: PROVIDED, That the holder of a  
15 master license for a restaurant in an airport terminal facility shall  
16 be required to maintain in a substantial manner at least one place on  
17 the premises for preparing, cooking, and serving of complete meals, and  
18 such food service shall be available on request in other licensed  
19 places on the premises: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That an additional license  
20 fee of twenty-five percent of the annual master license fee shall be  
21 required for such duplicate licenses.

22 (e) Where the license shall be issued to any corporation,  
23 association, or person operating dining places at a publicly or  
24 privately owned civic or convention center(~~(s)~~) with facilities for  
25 sports, entertainment, (~~and~~) or conventions, or a combination  
26 thereof, with more than one place where liquor is to be dispensed and  
27 sold, such license shall be issued upon the payment of the annual fee,  
28 which shall be a master license and shall permit such sale within and  
29 from one such place. Such license may be extended to additional places  
30 on the premises at the discretion of the board and a duplicate license  
31 may be issued for each such additional place: PROVIDED, That the  
32 holder of a master license for a dining place at such a publicly or  
33 privately owned civic or convention center shall be required to  
34 maintain in a substantial manner at least one place on the premises for  
35 preparing, cooking, and serving of complete meals, and food service  
36 shall be available on request in other licensed places on the premises:  
37 PROVIDED FURTHER, That an additional license fee of ten dollars shall  
38 be required for such duplicate licenses.

1 (f) Where the license shall be issued to any corporation,  
2 association or person operating more than one building containing  
3 dining places at privately owned facilities which are open to the  
4 public and where there is a continuity of ownership of all adjacent  
5 property, such license shall be issued upon the payment of an annual  
6 fee which shall be a master license and shall permit such sale within  
7 and from one such place. Such license may be extended to the  
8 additional dining places on the property or, in the case of a class H  
9 licensed hotel, property owned or controlled by leasehold interest by  
10 that hotel for use as a conference or convention center or banquet  
11 facility open to the general public for special events in the same  
12 metropolitan area, at the discretion of the board and a duplicate  
13 license may be issued for each additional place: PROVIDED, That the  
14 holder of the master license for the dining place shall not offer  
15 alcoholic beverages for sale, service, and consumption at the  
16 additional place unless food service is available at both the location  
17 of the master license and the duplicate license: PROVIDED FURTHER,  
18 That an additional license fee of twenty dollars shall be required for  
19 such duplicate licenses.

20 (2) The board, so far as in its judgment is reasonably possible,  
21 shall confine class H licenses to the business districts of cities and  
22 towns and other communities, and not grant such licenses in residential  
23 districts, nor within the immediate vicinity of schools, without being  
24 limited in the administration of this subsection to any specific  
25 distance requirements.

26 (3) The board shall have discretion to issue class H licenses  
27 outside of cities and towns in the state of Washington. The purpose of  
28 this subsection is to enable the board, in its discretion, to license  
29 in areas outside of cities and towns and other communities,  
30 establishments which are operated and maintained primarily for the  
31 benefit of tourists, vacationers and travelers, and also golf and  
32 country clubs, and common carriers operating dining, club and buffet  
33 cars, or boats.

34 (4) The total number of class H licenses issued in the state of  
35 Washington by the board, not including those class H licenses issued to  
36 clubs, shall not in the aggregate at any time exceed one license for  
37 each fifteen hundred of population in the state, determined according  
38 to the yearly population determination developed by the office of  
39 financial management pursuant to RCW 43.62.030.

1       (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (4) of this  
2 section, the board shall refuse a class H license to any applicant if  
3 in the opinion of the board the class H licenses already granted for  
4 the particular locality are adequate for the reasonable needs of the  
5 community.

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