
HOUSE BILL 2776

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1 AN ACT Relating to deleting a future increase in beer taxes
2 allocable to the health services account; and amending RCW 66.24.290.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.24.290 and 1995 c 232 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

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

1 fraction thereof. Beer shall be sold by brewers and wholesalers in
2 sealed barrels or packages.

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

8 (3) An additional tax is imposed on all beer subject to tax under
9 subsection (1) of this section. The additional tax is equal to two
10 dollars per barrel of thirty-one gallons. All revenues collected
11 during any month from this additional tax shall be deposited in the
12 violence reduction and drug enforcement account under RCW 69.50.520 by
13 the twenty-fifth day of the following month.

14 (4)(a) An additional tax is imposed on all beer subject to tax
15 under subsection (1) of this section. The additional tax is equal to
16 ninety-six cents per barrel of thirty-one gallons through June 30,
17 1995, and two dollars and thirty-nine cents per barrel of thirty-one
18 gallons (~~for the period July 1, 1995, through June 30, 1997, and four~~
19 ~~dollars and seventy-eight cents per barrel of thirty one gallons~~)
20 thereafter.

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

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

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

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