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HOUSE BILL 1060

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LIQUOR LICENSING--REVISIONS

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Passed by the House April 19, 1995 Yeas 93 Nays 0

CLYDE BALLARD

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate April 12, 1995 Yeas 47 Nays 0

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1060** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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President of the Senate

Chief Clerk

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By Representatives Lisk and Sheldon; by request of Liquor Control Board

Read first time 01/10/95. Referred to Committee on Commerce & Labor.

- 1 AN ACT Relating to improvements to the licensing sections of the
- 2 Washington state liquor act; and amending RCW 66.24.010, 66.24.025,
- 3 66.24.210, 66.24.290, 66.24.300, 66.24.320, 66.24.330, 66.24.420,
- 4 66.24.490, and 66.28.180.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.24.010 and 1988 c 200 s 1 are each amended to read 7 as follows:
- 8 (1) Every license shall be issued in the name of the applicant, and
- 9 the holder thereof shall not allow any other person to use the license.
- 10 (2) For the purpose of considering any application for a license,
- 11 the board may cause an inspection of the premises to be made, and may
- 12 inquire into all matters in connection with the construction and
- 13 operation of the premises. For the purpose of reviewing any
- 14 application for a license and for considering the denial, suspension or
- 15 revocation of any license, the liquor control board may consider any
- 16 prior criminal conduct of the applicant and the provisions of RCW
- 17 9.95.240 and of chapter 9.96A RCW shall not apply to such cases. The
- 18 board may, in its discretion, grant or refuse the license applied for.
- 19 Authority to approve an uncontested or unopposed license may be granted

- 1 by the board to any staff member the board designates in writing.
- 2 Conditions for granting such authority shall be adopted by rule. No
- 3 retail license of any kind may be issued to:
- 4 (a) A person who has not resided in the state for at least one 5 month prior to making application, except in cases of licenses issued 6 to dining places on railroads, boats, or aircraft;
- 7 (b) A copartnership, unless all of the members thereof are 8 qualified to obtain a license, as provided in this section;
- 9 (c) A person whose place of business is conducted by a manager or 10 agent, unless such manager or agent possesses the same qualifications 11 required of the licensee;
- 12 (d) A corporation, unless it was created under the laws of the 13 state of Washington or holds a certificate of authority to transact 14 business in the state of Washington.
- 15 (3) The board may, in its discretion, subject to the provisions of RCW 66.08.150, suspend or cancel any license; and all rights of the 16 licensee to keep or sell liquor thereunder shall be suspended or 17 terminated, as the case may be. The board may request the appointment 18 19 of administrative law judges under chapter 34.12 RCW who shall have 20 power to administer oaths, issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of papers, books, accounts, documents, and 21 testimony, examine witnesses, and to receive testimony in any inquiry, 22 23 investigation, hearing, or proceeding in any part of the state, under 24 such rules and regulations as the board may adopt.
- Witnesses shall be allowed fees and mileage each way to and from any such inquiry, investigation, hearing, or proceeding at the rate authorized by RCW 34.05.446, as now or hereafter amended. Fees need not be paid in advance of appearance of witnesses to testify or to produce books, records, or other legal evidence.

30 In case of disobedience of any person to comply with the order of 31 the board or a subpoena issued by the board, or any of its members, or administrative law judges, or on the refusal of a witness to testify to 32 any matter regarding which he or she may be lawfully interrogated, the 33 34 judge of the superior court of the county in which the person resides, 35 on application of any member of the board or administrative law judge, shall compel obedience by contempt proceedings, as in the case of 36 37 disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from said court or a refusal to testify therein. 38

- (4) Upon receipt of notice of the suspension or cancellation of a 1 license, the licensee shall forthwith deliver up the license to the 2 3 board. Where the license has been suspended only, the board shall 4 return the license to the licensee at the expiration or termination of the period of suspension. The board shall notify all vendors in the 5 city or place where the licensee has its premises of the suspension or 6 7 cancellation of the license; and no employee may allow or cause any 8 liquor to be delivered to or for any person at the premises of that 9 licensee.
- (5)(a) At the time of the original issuance of a class H license, the board shall prorate the license fee charged to the new licensee according to the number of calendar quarters, or portion thereof, remaining until the first renewal of that license is required.
- 14 (b) Unless sooner canceled, every license issued by the board shall 15 expire at midnight of the thirtieth day of June of the fiscal year for which it was issued. However, if the board deems it feasible and 16 17 desirable to do so, it may establish, by rule pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW, a system for staggering the annual renewal dates for any and all 18 19 licenses authorized by this chapter. If such a system of staggered annual renewal dates is established by the board, the license fees 20 provided by this chapter shall be appropriately prorated during the 21 first year that the system is in effect. 22
 - (6) Every license issued under this section shall be subject to all conditions and restrictions imposed by this title or by the regulations in force from time to time. All conditions and restrictions imposed by the board in the issuance of an individual license shall be listed on the face of the individual license along with the trade name, address, and expiration date.

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- 29 (7) Every licensee shall post and keep posted its license, or 30 licenses, in a conspicuous place on the premises.
- 31 (8) Before the board shall issue a license to an applicant it shall give notice of such application to the chief executive officer of the 32 incorporated city or town, if the application be for a license within 33 an incorporated city or town, or to the county legislative authority, 34 if the application be for a license outside the boundaries of 35 incorporated cities or towns; and such incorporated city or town, 36 37 through the official or employee selected by it, or the county legislative authority or the official or employee selected by it, shall 38 39 have the right to file with the board within twenty days after date of

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transmittal of such notice, written objections against the applicant or against the premises for which the license is asked, and shall include 2 with such objections a statement of all facts upon which such 3 4 objections are based, and in case written objections are filed, may request and the liquor control board may in its discretion hold a 5 formal hearing subject to the applicable provisions of Title 34 RCW((7 6 7 as now or hereafter amended)). Upon the granting of a license under 8 this title the board shall send a duplicate of the license or written 9 notification to the chief executive officer of the incorporated city or 10 town in which the license is granted, or to the county legislative authority if the license is granted outside the boundaries of 11 12 incorporated cities or towns.

(9) Before the board issues any license to any applicant, it shall give (a) due consideration to the location of the business to be conducted under such license with respect to the proximity of churches, schools, and public institutions and (b) written notice by certified mail of the application to churches, schools, and public institutions within five hundred feet of the premises to be licensed. The board shall issue no beer retailer license class A, B, D, or E or wine retailer license class C or F or class H license covering any premises not now licensed, if such premises are within five hundred feet of the premises of any tax-supported public elementary or secondary school measured along the most direct route over or across established public walks, streets, or other public passageway from the outer property line of the school grounds to the nearest public entrance of the premises proposed for license, and if, after receipt by the school or public institution of the notice as provided in this subsection, the board receives written notice, within twenty days after posting such notice, from an official representative or representatives of the school within five hundred feet of said proposed licensed premises, indicating to the board that there is an objection to the issuance of such license because of proximity to a school. For the purpose of this section, church shall mean a building erected for and used exclusively for religious worship and schooling or other activity in connection therewith. No liquor license may be issued or reissued by the board to any motor sports facility or licensee operating within the motor sports facility unless the motor sports facility enforces a program reasonably calculated to prevent alcohol or alcoholic beverages not purchased within the facility from entering the facility and such program is

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- approved by local law enforcement agencies. It is the intent under this subsection that a retail license shall not be issued by the board 2 where doing so would, in the judgment of the board, adversely affect a 3 private school meeting the requirements for private schools under Title 4 28A RCW, which school is within five hundred feet of the proposed 5 licensee. The board shall fully consider and give substantial weight 6 to objections filed by private schools. If a license is issued despite 7 8 the proximity of a private school, the board shall state in a letter 9 addressed to the private school the board's reasons for issuing the 10 license.
- (10) The restrictions set forth in ((the preceding)) subsection (9) 11 of this section shall not prohibit the board from authorizing the 12 13 ((transfer)) assumption of existing licenses now located within the restricted area ((to)) by other persons or ((locations)) licenses or 14 15 relocations of existing licensed premises within the restricted area ((÷ PROVIDED, Such transfer shall)). In no case ((result in 16 establishing)) may the licensed premises be moved closer to a church or 17 school than it was before the ((transfer)) assumption or relocation. 18
- (11) Nothing in this section prohibits the board, in its discretion, from issuing a temporary retail or wholesaler license to ((a transferee of a)) an applicant assuming an existing retail or wholesaler license to continue the operation of the retail or wholesaler premises during the period ((a transfer)) the application for the license ((from person to person at the same premises)) is pending and when the following conditions exist:
- 26 (a) The licensed premises has been operated under a retail or 27 wholesaler license within ninety days of the date of filing the 28 application for a temporary license;
- 29 (b) The retail or wholesaler license for the premises has been 30 surrendered pursuant to issuance of a temporary operating license;
- 31 (c) The applicant for the temporary license has filed with the 32 board an application ((for transfer of)) to assume the retail or 33 wholesaler license at such premises to himself or herself; and
- (d) The application for a temporary license is accompanied by a temporary license fee established by the board by rule.
- A temporary license issued by the board under this section shall be for a period not to exceed sixty days. A temporary license may be extended at the discretion of the board for an additional sixty-day

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- 1 period upon payment of an additional fee and upon compliance with all 2 conditions required in this section.
- Refusal by the board to issue or extend a temporary license shall not entitle the applicant to request a hearing. A temporary license may be canceled or suspended summarily at any time if the board determines that good cause for cancellation or suspension exists. RCW 66.08.130 and chapter 34.05 RCW shall apply to temporary licenses.
- Application for a temporary license shall be on such form as the board shall prescribe. If an application for a temporary license is withdrawn before issuance or is refused by the board, the fee which accompanied such application shall be refunded in full.
- 12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 66.24.025 and 1981 1st ex.s. c 5 s 11 are each amended 13 to read as follows:
- 14 (1) ((The holder of one or more licenses may assign and transfer 15 the same to any qualified person under such rules and regulations as the board may prescribe: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That no such assignment 16 and transfer shall be made which will result in both a change of 17 18 licensee and change of location; the fee for such assignment and 19 transfer shall be seventy five dollars: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That no fee will be charged for transfer)) If the board approves, a license may be 20 transferred, without charge, to the surviving spouse only of a deceased 21 22 licensee if the parties were maintaining a marital community and the 23 license was issued in the names of one or both of the parties.
- (2) The proposed sale of more than ten percent of the outstanding and/or issued stock of a licensed corporation or any proposed change in the officers of a licensed corporation must be reported to the board, and board approval must be obtained before such changes are made. A fee of seventy-five dollars will be charged for the processing of such change of stock ownership and/or corporate officers.
- 30 **Sec. 3.** RCW 66.24.210 and 1994 1st sp.s. c 7 s 901 are each 31 amended to read as follows:
- (1) There is hereby imposed upon all wines sold to wine wholesalers and the Washington state liquor control board, within the state a tax at the rate of twenty and one-fourth cents per liter: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That wine sold or shipped in bulk from one winery to another winery shall not be subject to such tax. The tax provided for in this section ((may, if so prescribed by the board,)) shall be collected ((by

means of stamps to be furnished by the board, or)) by direct payments 1 based on wine purchased by wine wholesalers. Every person purchasing 2 wine under the provisions of this section shall on or before the 3 4 twentieth day of each month report to the board all purchases during 5 the preceding calendar month in such manner and upon such forms as may be prescribed by the board, and with such report shall pay the tax due 6 7 from the purchases covered by such report unless the same has 8 previously been paid. Any such purchaser of wine whose applicable tax 9 payment is not postmarked by the twentieth day following the month of 10 purchase will be assessed a penalty at the rate of two percent a month or fraction thereof. ((If this tax be collected by means of stamps, 11 every such person shall procure from the board revenue stamps 12 representing the tax in such form as the board shall prescribe and 13 shall affix the same to the package or container in such manner and in 14 15 such denomination as required by the board and shall cancel the same 16 prior to the delivery of the package or container containing the wine 17 to the purchaser. If the tax is not collected by means of stamps,)) The board may require that every such person shall execute to and file 18 19 with the board a bond to be approved by the board, in such amount as 20 the board may fix, securing the payment of the tax. If any such person fails to pay the tax when due, the board may forthwith suspend or 21 cancel the license until all taxes are paid. 22 23

(2) An additional tax is imposed equal to the rate specified in RCW 82.02.030 multiplied by the tax payable under subsection (1) of this section. All revenues collected during any month from this additional tax shall be transferred to the state general fund by the twenty-fifth day of the following month.

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- (3) An additional tax is imposed on wines subject to tax under subsection (1) of this section, at the rate of one-fourth of one cent per liter for wine sold after June 30, 1987. Such additional tax shall cease to be imposed on July 1, 2001. All revenues collected under this subsection (3) shall be disbursed quarterly to the Washington wine commission for use in carrying out the purposes of chapter 15.88 RCW.
- (4) An additional tax is imposed on all wine subject to tax under subsection (1) of this section. The additional tax is equal to twenty-three and forty-four one-hundredths cents per liter on fortified wine as defined in RCW 66.04.010(34) when bottled or packaged by the manufacturer and one cent per liter on all other wine. All revenues collected during any month from this additional tax shall be deposited

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- 1 in the violence reduction and drug enforcement account under RCW 2 69.50.520 by the twenty-fifth day of the following month.
 - Sec. 4. RCW 66.24.290 and 1994 1st sp.s. c 7 s 902 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) Any brewer or beer wholesaler licensed under this title may 5 sell and deliver beer to holders of authorized licenses direct, but to 6 7 no other person, other than the board; and every such brewer or beer wholesaler shall report all sales to the board monthly, pursuant to the 8 9 regulations, and shall pay to the board as an added tax for the privilege of manufacturing and selling the beer within the state a tax 10 of two dollars and sixty cents per barrel of thirty-one gallons on 11 sales to licensees within the state and on sales to licensees within 12 the state of bottled and canned beer shall pay a tax computed in 13 14 gallons at the rate of two dollars and sixty cents per barrel of 15 thirty-one gallons. Any brewer or beer wholesaler whose applicable tax payment is not postmarked by the twentieth day following the month of 16 sale will be assessed a penalty at the rate of two percent per month or 17 18 fraction thereof. ((Each such brewer or wholesaler shall procure from 19 the board revenue stamps representing such tax in form prescribed by the board and shall affix the same to the barrel or package in such 20 manner and in such denominations as required by the board, and shall 21 cancel the same prior to commencing delivery from his or her place of 22 23 business or warehouse of such barrels or packages.)) Beer shall be 24 sold by brewers and wholesalers in sealed barrels or packages. ((The revenue stamps provided under this section need not be affixed and 25 canceled in the making of resales of barrels or packages already taxed 26 27 by the affixation and cancellation of stamps as provided in this section.)) 28
- 29 (2) An additional tax is imposed equal to seven percent multiplied 30 by the tax payable under subsection (1) of this section. All revenues 31 collected during any month from this additional tax shall be 32 transferred to the state general fund by the twenty-fifth day of the 33 following month.
- 34 (3) An additional tax is imposed on all beer subject to tax under 35 subsection (1) of this section. The additional tax is equal to two 36 dollars per barrel of thirty-one gallons. All revenues collected 37 during any month from this additional tax shall be deposited in the

- violence reduction and drug enforcement account under RCW 69.50.520 by the twenty-fifth day of the following month.
- 3 (4)(a) An additional tax is imposed on all beer subject to tax 4 under subsection (1) of this section. The additional tax is equal to 5 ninety-six cents per barrel of thirty-one gallons through June 30, 6 1995, two dollars and thirty-nine cents per barrel of thirty-one
- 7 gallons for the period July 1, 1995, through June 30, 1997, and four
- 8 dollars and seventy-eight cents per barrel of thirty-one gallons 9 thereafter.
- 10 (b) The additional tax imposed under this subsection does not apply 11 to the sale of the first sixty thousand barrels of beer each year by
- 12 breweries that are entitled to a reduced rate of tax under 26 U.S.C.
- 13 Sec. 5051, as existing on July 1, 1993, or such subsequent date as may
- 14 be provided by the board by rule consistent with the purposes of this
- 15 exemption.
- 16 (c) All revenues collected from the additional tax imposed under
- 17 this subsection (4) shall be deposited in the health services account
- 18 under RCW 43.72.900.
- 19 (5) The tax imposed under this section shall not apply to "strong
- 20 beer" as defined in this title.
- 21 **Sec. 5.** RCW 66.24.300 and 1951 c 93 s 1 are each amended to read 22 as follows:
- 23 (1) The board may make refunds for all ((stamp)) taxes paid on beer
- 24 exported from the state for use outside the state((, and also for tax
- 25 stamps destroyed prior to the consummation of any sale of beer within
- 26 the state, or for unused stamps returned to the board)).
- 27 (2) The board ((may waive the use of revenue stamps in the
- 28 collection of the tax on beer. If the tax is not collected by means of
- 29 stamps, the board may)) shall require filing with the board of a bond
- 30 to be approved by it, in such amount as the board may fix, securing the
- 31 payment of the tax. If any licensee fails to pay the tax when due, the
- 32 board may forthwith suspend or cancel his license until all taxes are
- 33 paid.
- 34 **Sec. 6.** RCW 66.24.320 and 1991 c 42 s 1 are each amended to read
- 35 as follows:
- There shall be a beer retailer's license to be designated as a
- 37 class A license to sell beer at retail, for consumption on the premises

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and to sell beer for consumption off the premises((: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That)). Beer sold for consumption off the premises must be in 2 original sealed packages of the manufacturer or bottler of not less 3 than ((seven and three-fourths)) four gallons((: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, 4 That)). Beer may be sold to a purchaser in a sanitary container 5 brought to the premises by the purchaser and filled at the tap by the 6 retailer at the time of sale($(\dot{\tau})$). Such licenses ($(\dot{\tau})$) may be issued only to hotels, restaurants, drug stores or soda fountains, dining 8 places on boats and airplanes, to clubs, and at sports arenas or race 9 10 tracks during recognized professional athletic events. The annual fee 11 for said license, if issued in cities and towns, shall be graduated according to the population thereof as follows: 12

13	Cities and towns	Fee
14	Less than 20,000	\$ 205
15	20,000 or over	\$ 355

The annual fee for such license, if issued outside of cities and towns, shall be two hundred five dollars((: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That)).

The annual license fee for such license, if issued to dining places on vessels not exceeding one thousand gross tons, plying on inland waters of the state of Washington on regular schedules, shall be two hundred five dollars.

22 **Sec. 7.** RCW 66.24.330 and 1991 c 42 s 2 are each amended to read 23 as follows:

There shall be a beer retailer's license to be designated as a class B license to sell beer at retail, for consumption on the premises and to sell beer for consumption off the premises((\div PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That)). Beer sold for consumption off the premises must be in original sealed packages of the manufacturer or bottler of not less than ((seven and three-fourths)) four gallons((\div AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That)). Beer may be sold to a purchaser in a sanitary container brought to the premises by the purchaser and filled at the tap by the retailer at the time of sale((\div)). Such licenses ((\div 0)) may be issued only to a person operating a tavern. The annual fee for said license, if issued in cities and towns, shall be graduated according to the population thereof as follows:

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2	Less than 20,000	\$ 205
3	20,000 or over	\$ 355

The annual fee for such license, if issued outside of cities and towns, shall be two hundred five dollars.

- *Sec. 8. RCW 66.24.420 and 1981 1st ex.s. c 5 s 45 are each amended to read as follows:
- 8 (1) The class H license shall be issued in accordance with the 9 following schedule of annual fees:
- 10 (a) The annual fee for said license, if issued to a club, whether 11 inside or outside of incorporated cities and towns, shall be seven 12 hundred dollars.
- (b) The annual fee for said license, if issued to any other class

 H licensee in incorporated cities and towns, shall be graduated

 according to the population thereof as follows:

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17	Cities and towns	Fees
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19	20,000 or over	\$2,000

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- (c) The annual fee for said license when issued to any other class H licensee outside of incorporated cities and towns shall be: Two thousand dollars; this fee shall be prorated according to the calendar quarters, or portion thereof, during which the licensee is open for business, except in case of suspension or revocation of the license.
- (d) Where the license shall be issued to any corporation, association or person operating a bona fide restaurant in an airport terminal facility providing service to transient passengers with more than one place where liquor is to be dispensed and sold, such license shall be issued upon the payment of the annual fee, which shall be a master license and shall permit such sale within and from one such place. Such license may be extended to additional places on the premises at the discretion of the board and a duplicate license may be issued for each such additional place: PROVIDED, That the holder of a master license for a restaurant in an airport terminal facility shall be required to maintain in a substantial manner at least one place on the premises for preparing, cooking and serving of complete meals, and such food service shall be available on request in other licensed

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- places on the premises: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That an additional license fee of twenty-five percent of the annual master license fee shall be required for such duplicate licenses.
- 4 Where the license shall be issued to any corporation, 5 association, or person operating dining places at publicly owned civic centers with facilities for sports, entertainment, and conventions, 6 7 with more than one place where liquor is to be dispensed and sold, such 8 license shall be issued upon the payment of the annual fee, which shall 9 be a master license and shall permit such sale within and from one such 10 Such license may be extended to additional places on the premises at the discretion of the board and a duplicate license may be 11 issued for each such additional place: PROVIDED, That the holder of a 12 13 master license for a dining place at such a publicly owned civic center shall be required to maintain in a substantial manner at least one 14 15 place on the premises for preparing, cooking and serving of complete 16 meals, and food service shall be available on request in other licensed 17 places on the premises: PROVIDED FURTHER, That an additional license fee of ten dollars shall be required for such duplicate licenses. 18
- 19 (f) Where the license shall be issued to any corporation, 20 association or person operating more than one building containing dining places at privately owned facilities which are open to the 21 public and where there is a continuity of ownership of all adjacent 22 property, such license shall be issued upon the payment of an annual 23 24 fee which shall be a master license and shall permit such sale within 25 and from one such place. Such license may be extended to the 26 additional dining places on the property or, in the case of a class H 27 licensed hotel, property owned or controlled by leasehold interest by that hotel for use as a conference or convention center or banquet 28 facility open to the general public for special events in the same 29 30 metropolitan area, at the discretion of the board and a duplicate 31 license may be issued for each additional place: PROVIDED, That the holder of the master license for the dining place shall not offer 32 alcoholic beverages for sale, service, and consumption at the 33 34 additional place unless food service is available at both the location of the master license and the duplicate license: PROVIDED FURTHER, 35 36 That an additional license fee of twenty dollars shall be required for 37 such duplicate licenses.
 - (2) The board, so far as in its judgment is reasonably possible, shall confine class H licenses to the business districts of cities and

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- towns and other communities, and not grant such licenses in residential districts, nor within the immediate vicinity of schools, without being limited in the administration of this subsection to any specific distance requirements.
- (3) The board shall have discretion to issue class H licenses outside of cities and towns in the state of Washington. The purpose of this subsection is to enable the board, in its discretion, to license in areas outside of cities and towns and other communities, establishments which are operated and maintained primarily for the benefit of tourists, vacationers and travelers, and also golf and country clubs, and common carriers operating dining, club and buffet cars, or boats.
- (4) The total number of class H licenses issued in the state of Washington by the board, not including those class H licenses issued to clubs, shall not in the aggregate at any time exceed one license for each fifteen hundred of population in the state, determined according to the yearly population determination developed by the office of financial management pursuant to RCW 43.62.030.
- (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (4) of this section, the board shall refuse a class H license to any applicant if in the opinion of the board the class H licenses already granted for the particular locality are adequate for the reasonable needs of the community.
- 24 *Sec. 8 was vetoed. See message at end of chapter.

- **Sec. 9.** RCW 66.24.490 and 1994 c 201 s 3 are each amended to read 26 as follows:
- (1) There shall be a retailer's license to be designated as a class I caterer's license; this shall be a special occasion license to be issued to the holder of a class A, C, D, or public H license to extend the privilege of selling and serving liquor as authorized under such a license at retail, for consumption on the premises, to members and quests of a society or organization on special occasions at a specified date and place when such special occasions of such groups are held on premises other than the licensed premises and for consumption on the premises of such outside location. The holder of such special occasion license shall be allowed to remove from the liquor stocks at the licensed premises, and allow liquor for sale and service at such special occasion locations. ((Upon payment of a fee of twenty-five

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- 1 dollars per day or, upon proper application to the liquor control
- 2 board,)) An annual class I license may be issued to the holder of a
- 3 class A, C, D, or public H license upon proper application to the board
- 4 and payment of a fee of three hundred fifty dollars.
- 5 (2) The holder of a class I license shall, if requested by the
- 6 board, notify the board or its designee of the date, time, place, and
- 7 location of any catered event. Upon request the class I licensee shall
- 8 provide to the board all necessary or requested information concerning
- 9 the society or organization which will be holding the function at which
- 10 the class I license will be utilized.
- 11 (3) If attendance at the function will be open to the general
- 12 public, the society or organization sponsoring the function shall be
- 13 within the definition of "society or organization" in RCW 66.24.375.
- 14 If attendance at the function will be limited to members and invited
- 15 guests of the sponsoring society or organization, then the requirement
- 16 that the society or organization be within the definition of RCW
- 17 66.24.375 is waived.
- 18 Sec. 10. RCW 66.28.180 and 1985 c 226 s 4 are each amended to read
- 19 as follows:
- 20 It is unlawful for a person, firm, or corporation holding a
- 21 certificate of approval issued under RCW 66.24.270 or 66.24.206, a beer
- 22 wholesaler's license, a brewer's license, a beer importer's license, a
- 23 domestic winery license, a wine importer's license, or a wine
- 24 wholesaler's license within the state of Washington to modify any
- 25 prices without prior notification to and approval of the board.
- 26 (1) Intent. This section is enacted, pursuant to the authority of
- 27 this state under the twenty-first amendment to the United States
- 28 Constitution, to promote the public's interest in fostering the orderly
- 29 and responsible distribution of malt beverages and wine towards
- 30 effective control of consumption; to promote the fair and efficient
- 31 three-tier system of distribution of such beverages; and to confirm
- 32 existing board rules as the clear expression of state policy to
- 33 regulate the manner of selling and pricing of wine and malt beverages
- 34 by licensed suppliers and wholesalers.
- 35 (2) Beer and wine wholesale price posting. (a) Every beer or wine
- 36 wholesaler shall file with the board at its office in Olympia a price
- 37 posting showing the wholesale prices at which any and all brands of

- beer and wine sold by such beer and/or wine wholesaler shall be sold to 1 retailers within the state. 2
- (b) Each price posting shall be made on a form prepared and 3 4 furnished by the board, or a reasonable facsimile thereof, and shall 5 set forth:
- (i) All brands, types, packages, and containers of beer offered for 6 sale by such beer and/or wine wholesaler; 7
- 8 (ii) The wholesale prices thereof to retail licensees, including 9 allowances, if any, for returned empty containers.
- (c) No beer and/or wine wholesaler may sell or offer to sell any 10 package or container of beer or wine to any retail licensee at a price 11 differing from the price for such package or container as shown in the 12 price posting filed by the beer and/or wine wholesaler and then in 13 14 effect, according to rules adopted by the board.
- (d) Quantity discounts are prohibited. No price may be posted that 15 is below acquisition cost plus ten percent of acquisition cost. 16 However, the board is empowered to review periodically, as it may deem 17 18 appropriate, the amount of the percentage of acquisition cost as a 19 minimum mark-up over cost and to modify such percentage by rule of the board, except such percentage shall be not less than ten percent. 20

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- (e) Wholesale prices on a "close-out" item shall be accepted by the board if the item to be discontinued has been listed on the state market for a period of at least six months, and upon the further condition that the wholesaler who posts such a close-out price shall not restock the item for a period of one year following the first effective date of such close-out price.
- (f) The board may reject any price posting that it deems to be in violation of this section or any rule, or portion thereof, or that would tend to disrupt the orderly sale and distribution of beer and wine. Whenever the board rejects any posting, the licensee submitting the posting may be heard by the board and shall have the burden of showing that the posting is not in violation of this section or a rule or does not tend to disrupt the orderly sale and distribution of beer and wine. If the posting is accepted, it shall become effective at the time fixed by the board. If the posting is rejected, the last effective posting shall remain in effect until such time as an amended posting is filed and approved, in accordance with the provisions of 38 this section.

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- (g) All price postings filed as required by this section shall at all times be open to inspection to all trade buyers within the state of Washington and shall not in any sense be considered confidential.
- (h) Any beer and/or wine wholesaler or employee authorized by the wholesaler-employer may sell beer and/or wine at the wholesaler's posted prices to any class A, B, C, D, E, F, H, G, or J licensee upon presentation to the wholesaler or employee at the time of purchase of a special permit issued by the board to such licensee.
- 9 (i) Every class A, B, C, D, E, F, H, G, or J licensee, upon purchasing any beer and/or wine from a wholesaler, shall immediately cause such beer or wine to be delivered to the licensed premises, and the licensee shall not thereafter permit such beer to be disposed of in any manner except as authorized by the license.
- (ii) Beer and wine sold as provided in this section shall be delivered by the wholesaler or an authorized employee either to the retailer's licensed premises or directly to the retailer at the wholesaler's licensed premises. A wholesaler's prices to retail licensees shall be the same at both such places of delivery.
- 19 (3) Beer and wine suppliers' price filings, contracts, and memoranda. (a) Every brewery and winery offering beer and/or wine for 20 sale within the state shall file with the board at its office in 21 Olympia a copy of every written contract and a memorandum of every oral 22 23 agreement which such brewery or winery may have with any beer or wine 24 wholesaler, which contracts or memoranda shall contain a schedule of prices charged to wholesalers for all items and all terms of sale, 25 26 including all regular and special discounts; all advertising, sales and trade allowances, and incentive programs; and all commissions, bonuses 27 or gifts, and any and all other discounts or allowances. Whenever 28 29 changed or modified, such revised contracts or memoranda shall forthwith be filed with the board as provided for by rule. The 30 provisions of this section also apply to certificate of approval 31 holders, beer and/or wine importers, and beer and/or wine wholesalers 32 who sell to other beer and/or wine wholesalers. 33
- Each price schedule shall be made on a form prepared and furnished by the board, or a reasonable facsimile thereof, and shall set forth all brands, types, packages, and containers of beer or wine offered for sale by such licensed brewery or winery; all additional information required may be filed as a supplement to the price schedule forms.

- (b) Prices filed by a brewery or winery shall be uniform prices to 1 2 all wholesalers on a state-wide basis less bona fide allowances for freight differentials. Quantity discounts are prohibited. No price 3 4 shall be filed that is below acquisition/production cost plus ten percent of that cost, except that acquisition cost plus ten percent of 5 acquisition cost does not apply to sales of beer or wine between a beer 6 or wine importer who sells beer or wine to another beer or wine 7 8 importer or to a beer or wine wholesaler, or to a beer or wine 9 wholesaler who sells beer or wine to another beer or wine wholesaler. However, the board is empowered to review periodically, as it may deem 10 appropriate, the amount of the percentage of acquisition/production 11 12 cost as a minimum mark-up over cost and to modify such percentage by rule of the board, except such percentage shall be not less than ten 13 14 percent.
- 15 (c) No brewery, winery, certificate of approval holder, wine 16 importer, or wine wholesaler may sell or offer to sell any beer or wine 17 to any persons whatsoever in this state until copies of such written 18 contracts or memoranda of such oral agreements are on file with the 19 board.
- 20 (d) No brewery or winery may sell or offer to sell any package or
 21 container of beer or wine to any wholesaler at a price differing from
 22 the price for such package or container as shown in the schedule of
 23 prices filed by the brewer or domestic winery and then in effect,
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(e) The board may reject any supplier's price filing, contract, or memorandum of oral agreement, or portion thereof that it deems to be in violation of this section or any rule or that would tend to disrupt the orderly sale and distribution of beer or wine. Whenever the board rejects any such price filing, contract, or memorandum, the licensee submitting the price filing, contract, or memorandum may be heard by the board and shall have the burden of showing that the price filing, contract, or memorandum is not in violation of this section or a rule or does not tend to disrupt the orderly sale and distribution of beer or wine. If the price filing, contract, or memorandum is accepted, it shall become effective at a time fixed by the board. If the price filing, contract, or memorandum shall remain in effect until such time as an amended price filing, contract, or

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- 1 memorandum is filed and approved, in accordance with the provisions of
- 2 this section.
- 3 (f) All prices, contracts, and memoranda filed as required by this
- 4 <u>section shall at all times be open to inspection to all trade buyers</u>
- 5 within the state of Washington and shall not in any sense be considered
- 6 <u>confidential</u>.

Passed the House April 19, 1995.

Passed the Senate April 12, 1995.

Approved by the Governor May 5, 1995, with the exception of certain items which were vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State May 5, 1995.

- 1 Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:
- 2 "I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 8, 3 House Bill No. 1060 entitled:
- "AN ACT Relating to improvements to the licensing sections of the
 "An act;"
- This bill provides additional flexibility to the Liquor Control Board allowing greater responsiveness in its regulatory functions.
- Section 8 of the bill would allow Class H licensed hotels to extend their licenses to property owned or leased for use as a conference, convention center, or banquet facility. Identical language extending this authority was included in Senate Bill No. 5563 which has already been signed into law. Vetoing this duplicate section will avoid unnecessary cross referencing requirements in the Revised Code of Washington.
- 15 For this reason, I am vetoing section 8 of House Bill No. 1060.
- 16 With the exception of section 8, House Bill No. 1060 is approved."