

# HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS

## SB 6539

**Brief Description:** Making technical changes regarding designations for liquor licenses.

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**Sponsors:** Senators Schow and Heavey.

Hearing: February 19, 1998

### **BACKGROUND:**

In 1997, legislation was enacted that changes the designation of liquor licenses from letters of the alphabet to a business description for each license. The law becomes effective July 1, 1998.

A class H liquor license is changed to a full service restaurant license. Under this license, a restaurant may serve beer, wine and spirits by the drink for consumption on the restaurant's premises.

Class A and C licenses allow beer and wine to be served by the glass on the restaurant premises. This combination of licenses has become a limited service restaurant license. Under this license, a restaurant may serve beer and wine by the drink for consumption on the restaurant's premises.

The term wholesaler is changed to distributor.

### **SUMMARY OF BILL:**

The license designation "full service" is changed to "spirits, beer and wine". The license designation "limited service" is changed to "beer and/or wine".

Consistent with changes in license designations that will become effective July 1, 1998, additional references to a wholesaler are changed to distributor and brewer is changed to a brewery.

**RULES AUTHORITY:** The bill does not contain provisions addressing the rule making powers of an agency.

**FISCAL NOTE:** Not requested.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The bill takes effect July 1, 1998.