

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6253

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1998 Regular Session

CREDIT AND DEBIT CARD SALES OF LIQUOR--REIMBURSEMENTS FOR STATE
LIQUOR AND AGENCY LIQUOR VENDOR STORES

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BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

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CLYDE BALLARD

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Approved April 1, 1998

CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6253** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MIKE O'CONNELL

Secretary

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GARY LOCKE

Governor of the State of Washington

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Senators Schow, Horn, Swecker, Rasmussen, Goings and T. Sheldon)

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1 AN ACT Relating to credit and debit card purchases in state liquor
2 stores; amending RCW 66.08.026 and 66.16.041; and creating a new
3 section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature that
6 expenditures associated with the implementation of using credit and
7 debit cards in state liquor stores and agency liquor vendor stores not
8 have a negative impact to the liquor revolving fund balance and that
9 transfers to the state general fund, the cities, and the counties not
10 be reduced because of these costs.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 66.08.026 and 1997 c 148 s 1 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 All administrative expenses of the board incurred on and after
14 April 1, 1963 shall be appropriated and paid from the liquor revolving
15 fund. These administrative expenses shall include, but not be limited
16 to: The salaries and expenses of the board and its employees, the cost
17 of establishing, leasing, maintaining, and operating state liquor
18 stores and warehouses, legal services, pilot projects, annual or other

1 audits, and other general costs of conducting the business of the
2 board, and the costs of supplying, installing, and maintaining
3 equipment used in state liquor stores and agency liquor vendor stores
4 for the purchase of liquor by nonlicensees using debit or credit cards.
5 The administrative expenses shall not, however, be deemed to include
6 costs of liquor and lottery tickets purchased, the cost of
7 transportation and delivery to the point of distribution, other costs
8 pertaining to the acquisition and receipt of liquor and lottery
9 tickets, packaging and repackaging of liquor, transaction fees
10 associated with credit or debit card purchases for liquor in state
11 liquor stores and in the stores of agency liquor vendors pursuant to
12 RCW 66.16.040 and 66.16.041, sales tax, and those amounts distributed
13 pursuant to RCW 66.08.180, 66.08.190, 66.08.200, 66.08.210 and
14 66.08.220.

15 **Sec. 3.** RCW 66.16.041 and 1997 c 148 s 2 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 (1) The state liquor control board shall accept bank credit card
18 and debit cards from nonlicensees for purchases in state liquor stores,
19 under such rules as the board may adopt. The board shall authorize
20 liquor vendors appointed under RCW 66.08.050 to accept bank credit
21 cards and debit cards for liquor purchases under this title, under such
22 rules as the board may adopt.

23 (2) If a liquor vendor operating an agency store chooses to use
24 credit or debit cards for liquor purchases by nonlicensees, the board
25 shall provide equipment and installation and maintenance of the
26 equipment necessary to implement the use of credit and debit cards.
27 Any equipment provided by the board to an agency liquor vendor store
28 for this purpose may be used only for the purchase of liquor.

29 (3) If the revenues and expenditures associated with implementing
30 the use of credit and debit cards for the purchase of alcohol by
31 nonlicensees from state liquor stores and agency stores operated by
32 liquor vendors results in a reduction of the liquor revolving fund
33 balance for fiscal year 1999 and the 1999-01 biennium, the board shall
34 consider increasing the price of alcohol products to offset the
35 reduction.

36 (4) The board shall provide a report evaluating the implementation
37 of this section, including revenue and expenditures, to the appropriate
38 committees of the legislature by (~~January~~) December 1, 1998.

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