
SENATE BILL 5277

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By Senators Shin, Swecker, Haugen, Eide, Regala, Gardner and Long

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1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting the sale of alcohol on state
2 ferries; adding a new section to chapter 66.28 RCW; creating a new
3 section; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the public's
6 tolerance for drunk driving has decreased in recent years. The
7 legislature recognizes that the state ferry system is a part of
8 the state's highway system and that many ferry passengers must
9 operate a motor vehicle upon arrival. Since drinking and driving is
10 prohibited on the highways, and for the health and safety of the
11 public on the streets and highways of this state, the sale of
12 alcohol on Washington state ferries is prohibited.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 66.28
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 (1) The sale of liquor on all Washington state ferries is
16 prohibited.

17 (2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall impair any

1 existing contracts relating to the acquisition or sale of liquor
2 by the Washington state ferry system. Upon the expiration or period
3 for renewal of these existing contracts, subsection (1) of this
4 section shall apply.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
7 the state government and its existing public institutions, and
8 takes effect immediately.

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