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SENATE BILL 5527

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By Senators Snyder, McDonald, Prentice, Winsley and Kohl-Welles

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1 AN ACT Relating to liquor by the drink at special events at  
2 restricted clubs; and amending RCW 66.24.425.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.24.425 and 1998 c 126 s 7 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The board may, in its discretion, issue a spirits, beer, and  
7 wine restaurant license to a business which qualifies as a "restaurant"  
8 as that term is defined in RCW 66.24.410 in all respects except that  
9 the business does not serve the general public but, through membership  
10 qualification, selectively restricts admission to the business. For  
11 purposes of RCW 66.24.400 and 66.24.420, all licenses issued under this  
12 section shall be considered spirits, beer, and wine restaurant licenses  
13 and shall be subject to all requirements, fees, and qualifications in  
14 this title, or in rules adopted by the board, as are applicable to  
15 spirits, beer, and wine restaurant licenses generally except that no  
16 service to the general public may be required.

17 (2) No license shall be issued under this section to a business:

18 (a) Which shall not have been in continuous operation for at least  
19 one year immediately prior to the date of its application; or

1 (b) Which denies membership or admission to any person because of  
2 race, creed, color, national origin, sex, or the presence of any  
3 sensory, mental, or physical handicap.

4 (3) The board may issue an endorsement to the spirits, beer, and  
5 wine restaurant license issued under this section that allows up to  
6 forty nonclub, member-sponsored events using club liquor. Visitors and  
7 guests may attend these events only by invitation of the sponsoring  
8 member or members. These events may not be open to the general public.  
9 The fee for the endorsement is an annual fee of nine hundred dollars.  
10 Upon the board's request, the holder of the endorsement must provide  
11 the board or the board's designee with the following information at  
12 least seventy-two hours before the event: The date, time, and location  
13 of the event; the name of the sponsor of the event; and a brief  
14 description of the purpose of the event.

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