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#### CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2897** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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By Representatives Condotta and Dunn

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to liquor licensees holding a caterer's
- 2 endorsement; and amending RCW 66.04.010, 66.24.320, 66.24.420, and
- 3 66.24.210.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.04.010 and 2005 c 151 s 1 are each amended to read 6 as follows:
- 7 In this title, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 8 (1) "Alcohol" is that substance known as ethyl alcohol, hydrated
- 9 oxide of ethyl, or spirit of wine, which is commonly produced by the
- 10 fermentation or distillation of grain, starch, molasses, or sugar, or
- 11 other substances including all dilutions and mixtures of this
- 12 substance. The term "alcohol" does not include alcohol in the
- 13 possession of a manufacturer or distiller of alcohol fuel, as described
- in RCW 66.12.130, which is intended to be denatured and used as a fuel
- 15 for use in motor vehicles, farm implements, and machines or implements
- 16 of husbandry.
- 17 (2) "Authorized representative" means a person who:
- 18 (a) Is required to have a federal basic permit issued pursuant to
- 19 the federal alcohol administration act, 27 U.S.C. Sec. 204;

- 1 (b) Has its business located in the United States outside of the 2 state of Washington;
  - (c) Acquires ownership of beer or wine for transportation into and resale in the state of Washington; and which beer or wine is produced anywhere outside Washington by a brewery or winery which does not hold a certificate of approval issued by the board; and
  - (d) Is appointed by the brewery or winery referenced in (c) of this subsection as its exclusive authorized representative for marketing and selling its products within the United States in accordance with a written agreement between the authorized representative and such brewery or winery pursuant to this title. The board may waive the requirement for the written agreement of exclusivity in situations consistent with the normal marketing practices of certain products, such as classified growths.
- 15 (3) "Beer" means any malt beverage or malt liquor as these terms 16 are defined in this chapter.
  - (4) "Beer distributor" means a person who buys beer from a domestic brewery, microbrewery, beer certificate of approval holder, or beer importers, or who acquires foreign produced beer from a source outside of the United States, for the purpose of selling the same pursuant to this title, or who represents such brewer or brewery as agent.
  - (5) "Beer importer" means a person or business within Washington who purchases beer from a beer certificate of approval holder or who acquires foreign produced beer from a source outside of the United States for the purpose of selling the same pursuant to this title.
  - (6) "Brewer" or "brewery" means any person engaged in the business of manufacturing beer and malt liquor. Brewer includes a brand owner of malt beverages who holds a brewer's notice with the federal bureau of alcohol, tobacco, and firearms at a location outside the state and whose malt beverage is contract-produced by a licensed in-state brewery, and who may exercise within the state, under a domestic brewery license, only the privileges of storing, selling to licensed beer distributors, and exporting beer from the state.
- 34 (7) "Board" means the liquor control board, constituted under this title.
- 36 (8) "Club" means an organization of persons, incorporated or 37 unincorporated, operated solely for fraternal, benevolent, educational, 38 athletic or social purposes, and not for pecuniary gain.

1 (9) "Consume" includes the putting of liquor to any use, whether by drinking or otherwise.

- (10) "Contract liquor store" means a business that sells liquor on behalf of the board through a contract with a contract liquor store manager.
- (11) "Dentist" means a practitioner of dentistry duly and regularly licensed and engaged in the practice of his profession within the state pursuant to chapter 18.32 RCW.
- 9 (12) "Distiller" means a person engaged in the business of 10 distilling spirits.
- 11 (13) "Domestic brewery" means a place where beer and malt liquor 12 are manufactured or produced by a brewer within the state.
- 13 (14) "Domestic winery" means a place where wines are manufactured 14 or produced within the state of Washington.
  - (15) "Druggist" means any person who holds a valid certificate and is a registered pharmacist and is duly and regularly engaged in carrying on the business of pharmaceutical chemistry pursuant to chapter 18.64 RCW.
  - (16) "Drug store" means a place whose principal business is, the sale of drugs, medicines and pharmaceutical preparations and maintains a regular prescription department and employs a registered pharmacist during all hours the drug store is open.
    - (17) "Employee" means any person employed by the board.
    - (18) "Fund" means 'liquor revolving fund.'
  - (19) "Hotel" means every building or other structure kept, used, maintained, advertised or held out to the public to be a place where food is served and sleeping accommodations are offered for pay to transient guests, in which twenty or more rooms are used for the sleeping accommodation of such transient guests and having one or more dining rooms where meals are served to such transient guests, such sleeping accommodations and dining rooms being conducted in the same building and buildings, in connection therewith, and such structure or structures being provided, in the judgment of the board, with adequate and sanitary kitchen and dining room equipment and capacity, for preparing, cooking and serving suitable food for its guests: PROVIDED FURTHER, That in cities and towns of less than five thousand population, the board shall have authority to waive the provisions requiring twenty or more rooms.

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- 1 (20) "Importer" means a person who buys distilled spirits from a 2 distillery outside the state of Washington and imports such spirituous 3 liquor into the state for sale to the board or for export.
  - (21) "Imprisonment" means confinement in the county jail.
- (22) "Liquor" includes the four varieties of liquor herein defined 5 (alcohol, spirits, wine and beer), and all fermented, spirituous, 6 7 vinous, or malt liquor, or combinations thereof, and mixed liquor, a part of which is fermented, spirituous, vinous or malt liquor, or 8 otherwise intoxicating; and every liquid or solid or semisolid or other 9 10 substance, patented or not, containing alcohol, spirits, wine or beer, and all drinks or drinkable liquids and all preparations or mixtures 11 12 capable of human consumption, and any liquid, semisolid, solid, or other substance, which contains more than one percent of alcohol by 13 14 weight shall be conclusively deemed to be intoxicating. Liquor does not include confections or food products that contain one percent or 15 16 less of alcohol by weight.
- 17 (23) "Manufacturer" means a person engaged in the preparation of 18 liquor for sale, in any form whatsoever.
  - (24) "Malt beverage" or "malt liquor" means any beverage such as beer, ale, lager beer, stout, and porter obtained by the alcoholic fermentation of an infusion or decoction of pure hops, or pure extract of hops and pure barley malt or other wholesome grain or cereal in pure water containing not more than eight percent of alcohol by weight, and not less than one-half of one percent of alcohol by volume. For the purposes of this title, any such beverage containing more than eight percent of alcohol by weight shall be referred to as "strong beer."
- 27 (25) "Package" means any container or receptacle used for holding 28 liquor.
- 29 (26) "Passenger vessel" means any boat, ship, vessel, barge, or 30 other floating craft of any kind carrying passengers for compensation.
- 31 (27) "Permit" means a permit for the purchase of liquor under this 32 title.
- $((\frac{(27)}{)})$  <u>(28)</u> "Person" means an individual, copartnership, association, or corporation.
- $((\frac{(28)}{(29)}))$  "Physician" means a medical practitioner duly and regularly licensed and engaged in the practice of his profession within the state pursuant to chapter 18.71 RCW.

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 $((\frac{29}{10}))$  (30) "Prescription" means a memorandum signed by a physician and given by him to a patient for the obtaining of liquor pursuant to this title for medicinal purposes.

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((<del>(30)</del>)) (<u>31</u>) "Public place" includes streets and alleys of incorporated cities and towns; state or county or township highways or roads; buildings and grounds used for school purposes; public dance halls and grounds adjacent thereto; those parts of establishments where beer may be sold under this title, soft drink establishments, public buildings, public meeting halls, lobbies, halls and dining rooms of hotels, restaurants, theatres, stores, garages and filling stations which are open to and are generally used by the public and to which the public is permitted to have unrestricted access; railroad trains, stages, and other public conveyances of all kinds and character, and the depots and waiting rooms used in conjunction therewith which are open to unrestricted use and access by the public; publicly owned bathing beaches, parks, and/or playgrounds; and all other places of like or similar nature to which the general public has unrestricted right of access, and which are generally used by the public.

(((31))) <u>(32)</u> "Regulations" means regulations made by the board under the powers conferred by this title.

(((32))) (33) "Restaurant" means any establishment provided with special space and accommodations where, in consideration of payment, food, without lodgings, is habitually furnished to the public, not including drug stores and soda fountains.

((<del>(33)</del>)) (34) "Sale" and "sell" include exchange, barter, and traffic; and also include the selling or supplying or distributing, by any means whatsoever, of liquor, or of any liquid known or described as beer or by any name whatever commonly used to describe malt or brewed liquor or of wine, by any person to any person; and also include a sale or selling within the state to a foreign consignee or his agent in the state. "Sale" and "sell" shall not include the giving, at no charge, of a reasonable amount of liquor by a person not licensed by the board to a person not licensed by the board, for personal use only. "Sale" and "sell" also does not include a raffle authorized under RCW 9.46.0315: PROVIDED, That the nonprofit organization conducting the raffle has obtained the appropriate permit from the board.

(((34))) (35) "Soda fountain" means a place especially equipped

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with apparatus for the purpose of dispensing soft drinks, whether mixed or otherwise.

 $((\frac{35}{)})$   $\underline{(36)}$  "Spirits" means any beverage which contains alcohol obtained by distillation, including wines exceeding twenty-four percent of alcohol by volume.

 $((\frac{36}{36}))$  "Store" means a state liquor store established under this title.

(((37))) (38) "Tavern" means any establishment with special space and accommodation for sale by the glass and for consumption on the premises, of beer, as herein defined.

(((38))) (39) "Winery" means a business conducted by any person for the manufacture of wine for sale, other than a domestic winery.

(((39))) (40)(a) "Wine" means any alcoholic beverage obtained by fermentation of fruits (grapes, berries, apples, et cetera) or other agricultural product containing sugar, to which any saccharine substances may have been added before, during or after fermentation, and containing not more than twenty-four percent of alcohol by volume, including sweet wines fortified with wine spirits, such as port, sherry, muscatel and angelica, not exceeding twenty-four percent of alcohol by volume and not less than one-half of one percent of alcohol by volume. For purposes of this title, any beverage containing no more than fourteen percent of alcohol by volume when bottled or packaged by the manufacturer shall be referred to as "table wine," and any beverage containing alcohol in an amount more than fourteen percent by volume when bottled or packaged by the manufacturer shall be referred to as "fortified wine." However, "fortified wine" shall not include:  $((\frac{a}{a}))$  (i) Wines that are both sealed or capped by cork closure and aged two years or more; and  $((\frac{b}{b}))$  (ii) wines that contain more than fourteen percent alcohol by volume solely as a result of the natural fermentation process and that have not been produced with the addition of wine spirits, brandy, or alcohol.

(b) This subsection shall not be interpreted to require that any wine be labeled with the designation "table wine" or "fortified wine."

((40))) (41) "Wine distributor" means a person who buys wine from a domestic winery, wine certificate of approval holder, or wine importer, or who acquires foreign produced wine from a source outside of the United States, for the purpose of selling the same not in

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violation of this title, or who represents such vintner or winery as agent.

((41)) (42) "Wine importer" means a person or business within Washington who purchases wine from a wine certificate of approval holder or who acquires foreign produced wine from a source outside of the United States for the purpose of selling the same pursuant to this title.

**Sec. 2.** RCW 66.24.320 and 2005 c 152 s 1 are each amended to read 9 as follows:

There shall be a beer and/or wine restaurant license to sell beer, including strong beer, or wine, or both, at retail, for consumption on the premises. A patron of the licensee may remove from the premises, recorked or recapped in its original container, any portion of wine that was purchased for consumption with a meal.

- (1) The annual fee shall be two hundred dollars for the beer license, two hundred dollars for the wine license, or four hundred dollars for a combination beer and wine license.
- (2)(a) The board may issue a caterer's endorsement to this license to allow the licensee to remove from the liquor stocks at the licensed premises, only those types of liquor that are authorized under the onpremises license privileges for sale and service at event locations at a specified date and, except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, place not currently licensed by the board. If the event is open to the public, it must be sponsored by a society or organization as defined by RCW 66.24.375. If attendance at the event is limited to members or invited guests of the sponsoring individual, society, or organization, the requirement that the sponsor must be a society or organization as defined by RCW 66.24.375 is waived. Cost of the endorsement is three hundred fifty dollars.
- (b) The holder of this license with catering endorsement shall, if requested by the board, notify the board or its designee of the date, time, place, and location of any catered event. Upon request, the licensee shall provide to the board all necessary or requested information concerning the society or organization that will be holding the function at which the endorsed license will be utilized.
  - (3) Licensees under this section that hold a caterer's endorsement

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are allowed to use this endorsement on a domestic winery premises <u>or on</u> the premises of a passenger vessel under the following conditions:

- (a) Agreements between the domestic winery or the passenger vessel, as the case may be, and the retail licensee shall be in writing, contain no exclusivity clauses regarding the alcohol beverages to be served, and be filed with the board; and
- (b) The domestic winery <u>or passenger vessel</u>, as the case may be, and the retail licensee shall be separately contracted and compensated by the persons sponsoring the event for their respective services.
- (4) The holder of this license or its manager may furnish beer or wine to the licensee's employees free of charge as may be required for use in connection with instruction on beer and wine. The instruction may include the history, nature, values, and characteristics of beer or wine, the use of wine lists, and the methods of presenting, serving, storing, and handling beer or wine. The beer and/or wine licensee must use the beer or wine it obtains under its license for the sampling as part of the instruction. The instruction must be given on the premises of the beer and/or wine licensee.
- **Sec. 3.** RCW 66.24.420 and 2004 c 62 s 3 are each amended to read 20 as follows:
- 21 (1) The spirits, beer, and wine restaurant license shall be issued 22 in accordance with the following schedule of annual fees:
  - (a) The annual fee for a spirits, beer, and wine restaurant license shall be graduated according to the dedicated dining area and type of service provided as follows:

Less than 50% dedicated dining area \$2,000 50% or more dedicated dining area \$1,600 Service bar only \$1,000

- (b) The annual fee for the license when issued to any other spirits, beer, and wine restaurant licensee outside of incorporated cities and towns 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.
- 34 (c) Where the license shall be issued to any corporation, 35 association or person operating a bona fide restaurant in an airport 36 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)) must 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 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.

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- (d) Where the license shall be issued to any corporation, association, or person operating dining places at a publicly or privately owned civic or convention center with facilities for sports, entertainment, or conventions, or a combination thereof, 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 dining place at such a publicly or privately owned civic or convention center ((shall be required to)) must maintain in a substantial manner at least one place on the premises for preparing, cooking, and serving of complete meals, and food service shall be available on request in other licensed places on the premises(( $\div$ PROVIDED FURTHER, That)). An additional license fee of ten dollars shall be required for such duplicate licenses.
- (e) Where the license shall be issued to any corporation, association or person operating more than one building containing dining places at privately owned facilities which are open to the public and where there is a continuity of ownership of all adjacent property, such license shall be issued upon the payment of an 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 the additional dining places on the property or, in the case of a spirits,

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- beer, and wine restaurant licensed hotel, property owned or controlled 1 2 by leasehold interest by that hotel for use as a conference or convention center or banquet facility open to the general public for 3 special events in the same metropolitan area, at the discretion of the 4 5 board and a duplicate license may be issued for each additional place((: PROVIDED, That)). The holder of the master license for the 6 7 dining place shall not offer alcoholic beverages for sale, service, and consumption at the additional place unless food service is available at 8 9 both the location of the master license and the duplicate license((÷ PROVIDED FURTHER, That)). An additional license fee of twenty dollars 10 shall be required for such duplicate licenses. 11
  - (2) The board, so far as in its judgment is reasonably possible, shall confine spirits, beer, and wine restaurant licenses to the business districts of cities and 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 spirits, beer, and wine restaurant 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 spirits, beer, and wine restaurant licenses issued in the state of Washington by the board, not including spirits, beer, and wine private club licenses, 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.
- 33 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (4) of this 34 section, the board shall refuse a spirits, beer, and wine restaurant 35 license to any applicant if in the opinion of the board the spirits, 36 beer, and wine restaurant licenses already granted for the particular 37 locality are adequate for the reasonable needs of the community.

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(6)(a) The board may issue a caterer's endorsement to this license to allow the licensee to remove the liquor stocks at the licensed premises, for use as liquor for sale and service at event locations at a specified date and, except as provided in subsection (7) of this section, place not currently licensed by the board. If the event is open to the public, it must be sponsored by a society or organization as defined by RCW 66.24.375. If attendance at the event is limited to members or invited guests of the sponsoring individual, society, or organization, the requirement that the sponsor must be a society or organization as defined by RCW 66.24.375 is waived. Cost of the endorsement is three hundred fifty dollars.

- (b) The holder of this license with catering endorsement shall, if requested by the board, notify the board or its designee of the date, time, place, and location of any catered event. Upon request, the licensee shall provide to the board all necessary or requested information concerning the society or organization that will be holding the function at which the endorsed license will be utilized.
- (7) Licensees under this section that hold a caterer's endorsement are allowed to use this endorsement on a domestic winery premises or on the premises of a passenger vessel under the following conditions:
- (a) Agreements between the domestic winery <u>or passenger vessel, as</u> the case may be, and the retail licensee shall be in writing, contain no exclusivity clauses regarding the alcohol beverages to be served, and be filed with the board; and
- (b) The domestic winery <u>or passenger vessel</u>, <u>as the case may be</u>, and the retail licensee shall be separately contracted and compensated by the persons sponsoring the event for their respective services.
- **Sec. 4.** RCW 66.24.210 and 2001 c 124 s 1 are each amended to read 29 as follows:
  - (1) There is hereby imposed upon all wines except cider sold to wine distributors and the Washington state liquor control board, within the state a tax at the rate of twenty and one-fourth cents per liter. There is hereby imposed on all cider sold to wine distributors and the Washington state liquor control board within the state a tax at the rate of three and fifty-nine one-hundredths cents per liter((÷ PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That)). However, wine sold or shipped in bulk from one winery to another winery shall not be subject to such tax. The tax

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- provided for in this section shall be collected by direct payments based on wine purchased by wine distributors. Every person purchasing wine under the provisions of this section shall on or before the twentieth day of each month report to the board all purchases during 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 from the purchases covered by such report unless the same has previously been paid. Any such purchaser of wine whose applicable tax payment is not postmarked by the twentieth day following the month of purchase will be assessed a penalty at the rate of two percent a month or fraction thereof. The board may require that every such person shall execute to and file with the board a bond to be approved by the board, in such amount as 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 cancel the license until all taxes are paid.
  - (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.
  - (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. After June 30, 1996, such additional tax does not apply to cider. An additional tax of five one-hundredths of one cent per liter is imposed on cider sold after June 30, 1996. 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(((38))) (40) when bottled or packaged by the manufacturer, one cent per liter on all other wine except cider, and eighteen one-hundredths of one cent per liter on cider. All revenues collected 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.

(5)(a) An additional tax is imposed on all cider subject to tax under subsection (1) of this section. The additional tax is equal to two and four one-hundredths cents per liter of cider sold after June 30, 1996, and before July 1, 1997, and is equal to four and seven one-hundredths cents per liter of cider sold after June 30, 1997.

- (b) All revenues collected from the additional tax imposed under this subsection (5) shall be deposited in the health services account under RCW 43.72.900.
- (6) For the purposes of this section, "cider" means table wine that contains not less than one-half of one percent of alcohol by volume and not more than seven percent of alcohol by volume and is made from the normal alcoholic fermentation of the juice of sound, ripe apples or pears. "Cider" includes, but is not limited to, flavored, sparkling, or carbonated cider and cider made from condensed apple or pear must.

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