

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 5774

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Authorizing applications for a special permit to allow alcohol tasting by persons at least eighteen years of age under certain circumstances.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Senators Hewitt, Holmquist Newbry, McAuliffe, Bailey, Keiser, Conway, Schoesler, Kohl-Welles, Mullet and Kline).

Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor
House Committee on Government Accountability & Oversight

Background: The Liquor Control Board (LCB) currently offers four different types or classes of permits. Class 1 permits allow physicians or dentists and those in charge of an institution regularly conducted as a hospital or sanitarium to purchase liquor. The Class 1 permit fee is \$5.

A Class 2 permit allows a person engaged in a mechanical or manufacturing business or scientific pursuits that require alcohol, to purchase alcohol not to be used for beverage purposes. The Class 2 permit fee is \$5 for five gallons or less, and \$10 for over five gallons.

A Class 4 permit is for a business that does not hold a liquor license to serve liquor without charge to employees or invited guests. The Class 4 permit fee is \$500.

A Class 6 permit allows someone operating a drug store to purchase alcohol to be sold on the prescription of a physician. The Class 6 permit fee is \$5.

Summary: A special permit is created to allow tasting of alcohol by individuals who are at least 18 years old who are enrolled as a student in a class that is part of a culinary, wine technology, beer technology, or spirituous technology-related degree program. The permit applicant is a community or technical college. The permit allows tasting, not consuming, of alcohol as part of the class curriculum with approval of the educational provider.

Faculty or staff of the educational provider must supervise the service and tasting and be at least 21 years of age, and hold a class 12 or 13 alcohol server permit. Students may not purchase the alcoholic beverages.

LCB must waive the fee for such a permit.

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	42	7
House	89	4

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