
HOUSE BILL 1903

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1 AN ACT Relating to spirits samples offered by distillers; and
2 amending RCW 66.24.140 and 66.24.145.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.24.140 and 2014 c 92 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) There shall be a license to distillers, including blending,
7 rectifying and bottling; fee two thousand dollars per annum, unless
8 provided otherwise as follows:

9 (a) For distillers producing one hundred fifty thousand gallons
10 or less of spirits with at least half of the raw materials used in
11 the production grown in Washington, the license fee must be reduced
12 to one hundred dollars per annum;

13 (b) The board must license stills used and to be used solely and
14 only by a commercial chemist for laboratory purposes, and not for the
15 manufacture of liquor for sale, at a fee of twenty dollars per annum;

16 (c) The board must license stills used and to be used solely and
17 only for laboratory purposes in any school, college or educational
18 institution in the state, without fee; and

19 (d) The board must license stills that have been duly licensed as
20 fruit and/or wine distilleries by the federal government, used and to
21 be used solely as fruit and/or wine distilleries in the production of

1 fruit brandy and wine spirits, at a fee of two hundred dollars per
2 annum.

3 (2) Any distillery licensed under this section may:

4 (a) Sell spirits of its own production for consumption off the
5 premises. A distillery selling spirits under this subsection must
6 comply with the applicable laws and rules relating to retailers;

7 (b) Contract distilled spirits for, and sell contract distilled
8 spirits to, holders of distillers' or manufacturers' licenses,
9 including licenses issued under RCW 66.24.520, or for export; and

10 (c) Provide free or for a charge one-half ounce or less samples
11 of spirits of its own production to persons on the premises of the
12 distillery. The maximum total per person per day is two ounces.
13 Spirits samples may be adulterated with nonalcoholic mixers, water,
14 and/or ice. Every person who participates in any manner in the
15 service of samples must obtain a class 12 alcohol server permit.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 66.24.145 and 2014 c 92 s 1 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 (1) Any craft distillery may sell spirits of its own production
19 for consumption off the premises. A craft distillery selling spirits
20 under this subsection must comply with the applicable laws and rules
21 relating to retailers.

22 (2) Any craft distillery may contract distilled spirits for, and
23 sell contract distilled spirits to, holders of distillers' or
24 manufacturers' licenses, including licenses issued under RCW
25 66.24.520, or for export.

26 (3) Any craft distillery licensed under this section may provide,
27 free or for a charge, one-half ounce or less samples of spirits of
28 its own production to persons on the premises of the distillery. The
29 maximum total per person per day is two ounces. Spirits samples may
30 be adulterated with nonalcoholic mixers, water, and/or ice. Every
31 person who participates in any manner in the service of samples must
32 obtain a class 12 alcohol server permit.

33 (4) The board must adopt rules to implement the alcohol server
34 permit requirement and may adopt additional rules to implement this
35 section.

36 (5) Distilling is an agricultural practice.

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