
SENATE BILL 5280

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1 AN ACT Relating to the sale of beer and cider by grocery store
2 licensees; and amending RCW 66.24.360.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.24.360 and 2012 c 2 s 104 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) There is a grocery store license to sell wine and/or beer,
7 including without limitation strong beer at retail in original
8 containers, not to be consumed upon the premises where sold.

9 (2) There is a wine retailer reseller endorsement of a grocery
10 store license, to sell wine at retail in original containers to
11 retailers licensed to sell wine for consumption on the premises, for
12 resale at their licensed premises according to the terms of the
13 license. However, no single sale may exceed twenty-four liters,
14 unless the sale is made by a licensee that was a contract liquor
15 store manager of a contract-operated liquor store at the location
16 from which such sales are made. For the purposes of this title, a
17 grocery store license is a retail license, and a sale by a grocery
18 store licensee with a reseller endorsement is a retail sale only if
19 not for resale.

1 (3) Licensees obtaining a written endorsement from the board may
2 also sell malt liquor in kegs or other containers capable of holding
3 less than five and one-half gallons of liquid.

4 (4) The annual fee for the grocery store license is one hundred
5 fifty dollars for each store.

6 (5) The annual fee for the wine retailer reseller endorsement is
7 one hundred sixty-six dollars for each store.

8 (6) Upon approval by the board, the grocery store licensee may
9 also receive an endorsement to permit the sale of beer and cider, as
10 defined in RCW 66.24.210(6) in a sanitary container brought to the
11 premises by the purchaser, or provided by the licensee or
12 manufacturer, and filled at the tap by the licensee at the time of
13 sale by an employee of the licensee holding a class 12 alcohol server
14 permit.

15 (7) The board must issue a restricted grocery store license
16 authorizing the licensee to sell beer and only table wine, if the
17 board finds upon issuance or renewal of the license that the sale of
18 strong beer or fortified wine would be against the public interest.
19 In determining the public interest, the board must consider at least
20 the following factors:

21 (a) The likelihood that the applicant will sell strong beer or
22 fortified wine to persons who are intoxicated;

23 (b) Law enforcement problems in the vicinity of the applicant's
24 establishment that may arise from persons purchasing strong beer or
25 fortified wine at the establishment; and

26 (c) Whether the sale of strong beer or fortified wine would be
27 detrimental to or inconsistent with a government-operated or funded
28 alcohol treatment or detoxification program in the area.

29 If the board receives no evidence or objection that the sale of
30 strong beer or fortified wine would be against the public interest,
31 it must issue or renew the license without restriction, as
32 applicable. The burden of establishing that the sale of strong beer
33 or fortified wine by the licensee would be against the public
34 interest is on those persons objecting.

35 ~~((+7))~~ (8) Licensees holding a grocery store license must
36 maintain a minimum three thousand dollar inventory of food products
37 for human consumption, not including pop, beer, strong beer, or wine.

38 ~~((+8))~~ (9) A grocery store licensee with a wine retailer
39 reseller endorsement may accept delivery of wine at its licensed
40 premises or at one or more warehouse facilities registered with the

1 board, which facilities may also warehouse and distribute nonliquor
2 items, and from which it may deliver to its own licensed premises
3 and, pursuant to sales permitted by this title, to other licensed
4 premises, to other registered facilities, or to lawful purchasers
5 outside the state. Facilities may be registered and utilized by
6 associations, cooperatives, or comparable groups of grocery store
7 licensees.

8 ~~((+9))~~ (10) Upon approval by the board, the grocery store
9 licensee may also receive an endorsement to permit the international
10 export of beer, strong beer, and wine.

11 (a) Any beer, strong beer, or wine sold under this endorsement
12 must have been purchased from a licensed beer or wine distributor
13 licensed to do business within the state of Washington.

14 (b) Any beer, strong beer, and wine sold under this endorsement
15 must be intended for consumption outside the state of Washington and
16 the United States and appropriate records must be maintained by the
17 licensee.

18 (c) Any beer, strong beer, or wine sold under this endorsement
19 must be sold at a price no less than the acquisition price paid by
20 the holder of the license.

21 (d) The annual cost of this endorsement is five hundred dollars
22 and is in addition to the license fees paid by the licensee for a
23 grocery store license.

24 ~~((+10))~~ (11) A grocery store licensee holding a snack bar
25 license under RCW 66.24.350 may receive an endorsement to allow the
26 sale of confections containing more than one percent but not more
27 than ten percent alcohol by weight to persons twenty-one years of age
28 or older.

29 (12) The board may adopt rules to implement this section.

30 (13) Nothing in this section limits the authority of the board to
31 regulate the sale of beer or cider or container sizes under rules
32 adopted pursuant to RCW 66.08.030.

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