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By Representative Steele

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1 AN ACT Relating to liquor licensed community events at which  
2 adults consuming liquor are not confined to designated areas; and  
3 adding a new section to chapter 66.24 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 66.24  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) There is a retailer's license to be designated as a community  
8 event license to be issued to a nonprofit society or organization to  
9 sell beer and/or wine by the individual serving for on-premises  
10 consumption at a specified event on a specified date or dates. The  
11 fee for a license under this section is seventy-five dollars per day.

12 (2) Sales and service of beer and/or wine may be confined to  
13 designated locations or areas at an event licensed under this  
14 section. Consumption of beer and/or wine is not limited or confined  
15 to designated locations or areas, and beer and/or wine purchased at  
16 the event may be possessed and consumed by individuals age twenty-one  
17 and over at any location or area within the overall location or area  
18 approved in the license application, including on sidewalks and city  
19 or county streets if approved by the board and local jurisdiction.

20 (3)(a) An applicant may apply to the board for a community event  
21 license on a form developed by the board. The applicant shall include

1 a description of the premises, location, or area proposed to be  
2 covered by the license in the application, and, if issued, the  
3 license must include a description of the premises, location, or area  
4 approved for the event. The board may require additional information  
5 in an application.

6 (b) Under RCW 66.24.010(8) the board must notify the city, town,  
7 or county of the license application. If approving the event, the  
8 city, town, or county legislative authority must notify the board of  
9 its approval. For the board to approve the community event license,  
10 the notice from the legislative authority must state that the  
11 legislative authority approves of the applicant's proposed event to  
12 be conducted under a community event license and must include a  
13 description of the premises, location, or area approved of by the  
14 legislative authority for the event. The board may not approve an  
15 application for a community event license covering a location or area  
16 not approved by the local legislative authority.

17 (4) During all times an event is being conducted under a  
18 community event license, the perimeter or boundary of the approved  
19 premises, location, or area must be visibly marked so that attendees  
20 can reasonably determine the edge or boundary of the event while  
21 present. Nothing in this subsection requires a physical barrier  
22 around the perimeter or boundary of the event.

23 (5)(a) A holder of a community event license may pay for beer  
24 and/or wine immediately following the event.

25 (b) Beer and/or wine may be purchased from any lawful source that  
26 a holder of a special occasion license issued under RCW 66.24.380 may  
27 purchase beer and/or wine from.

28 (c) Any domestic brewery, microbrewery, domestic winery, out-of-  
29 state brewery or out-of-state winery with a certificate of approval,  
30 or manufacturer of beer or wine may pour at any event licensed under  
31 this section.

32 (d) Any domestic brewery, microbrewery, domestic winery, out-of-  
33 state brewery or out-of-state winery with a certificate of approval,  
34 manufacturer, importer, or distributor of beer and/or wine may donate  
35 beer and/or wine to holders of community event licenses that are  
36 nonprofit organizations organized under either section 501(c)(3) or  
37 501(c)(6) of the internal revenue code, as it exists on the effective  
38 date of this section. If donated product is sold, it may not be  
39 advertised or sold below the manufacturers' cost.

1       (e) Any domestic brewery, microbrewery, domestic winery, out-of-  
2 state brewery or out-of-state winery with a certificate of approval,  
3 manufacturer, importer, or distributor of beer and/or wine may  
4 provide advertising, pouring, and dispensing of beer or wine, as  
5 applicable, at a beer or wine tasting exhibition or judging event,  
6 but may not provide, money, goods, or services to holders of  
7 community event licenses.

8       (f) Wineries and breweries participating in an event conducted  
9 under a community event license may pay reasonable booth fees to the  
10 community event licensee.

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