

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 1893

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Commerce, Labor & Sports, March 9, 2017

Title: An act relating to the use of credit cards for purchases of spirits and wine by a purchaser licensed to sell spirits and/or wine for consumption on the licensed premises.

Brief Description: Concerning the use of credit cards for purchases of spirits and wine by a purchaser licensed to sell spirits and/or wine for consumption on the licensed premises.

Sponsors: House Committee on Commerce & Gaming (originally sponsored by Representatives Vick, Kirby, Dolan, Doglio, Haler and McDonald).

Brief History: Passed House: 3/02/17, 98-0.

Committee Activity: Commerce, Labor & Sports: 3/09/17 [DPA].

Brief Summary of Amended Bill

- Authorizes a licensed distributor of beer, spirits, and/or wine to impose a credit card fee on a purchaser licensed to sell beer, spirits, and/or wine for on-premises consumption.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, LABOR & SPORTS

Majority Report: Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators Baumgartner, Chair; Keiser, Ranking Minority Member; Conway, Hasegawa, Saldaña and Wilson.

Staff: Richard Rodger (786-7461)

Background: Checks, credit or debit cards, prepaid accounts, electronic fund transfers, and other similar methods approved by the Liquor and Cannabis Board may be used as cash payment with respect to transactions among liquor retailers, manufacturers, importers, or distributors. Electronic fund transfers must be voluntary, conducted pursuant to a written agreement, initiated no later than the first business day following delivery, and completed as promptly as is reasonably practical, but no later than five business days following delivery.

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Summary of Amended Bill: Licensed distributors of beer, spirits, and/or wine are authorized to impose a credit card fee on a purchaser licensed to sell beer, spirits, and/or wine for on-premises consumption provided:

- the decision to make payment by credit card is voluntary; and
- the credit card fee is explicitly disclosed as a separate line item on the distributor's invoice.

EFFECT OF COMMERCE, LABOR & SPORTS COMMITTEE AMENDMENT(S):

- Allows beer distributors to impose credit card fees to the same extent as authorized for spirits and wine distributors.
- Removes the provision requiring the fee to be the same amount as charged by the credit card issuer.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: No public hearing was held.

Persons Testifying: N/A.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: N/A.