

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5165

As of January 29, 2017

Title: An act relating to snack bar licenses.

Brief Description: Concerning snack bar licenses.

Sponsors: Senator Ericksen.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Commerce, Labor & Sports: 1/25/17.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows the snack bar liquor licensee to sell wine by the glass.
- Clarifies that the designated seating area may include an area where an instructor leads group activities.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, LABOR & SPORTS

Staff: Richard Rodger (786-7461)

Background: The Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) is authorized to issue snack bar licenses for the retail sales of beer, by the opened bottle or can, for on-premises consumption only. The license is only available when the sale of beer is not the main purpose of the business. The snack bar licensees are required to have snack food available, such as peanuts, popcorn, and chips. LCB's administrative rules require the snack bar to have a designated seating area for the on-premises consumption of beer.

Summary of Bill: The snack bar liquor license is expanded to include the retail sales of wine by the glass for on-premises consumption. The designated seating area requirement is added to the statute. The designated seating area may include areas where an instructor leads group activities.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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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: PRO: A paint and sip studio is where families can come in a social setting to learn how to paint. Think of Bob Ross painting and sipping wine. These are family-based events. Under the current law, I have limited choices to obtain a license to allow a customer to drink a glass of wine or bottle of beer. I could get a full tavern license or a beer & wine restaurant license, but those require me to have a kitchen and food service. I'm asking for a revision to the snack bar license that would allow be to reasonably afford this practice.

OTHER: We would be willing to work with the committee staff to draft narrower language that would bring down the fiscal impact of this bill. As written, many establishments have inquired about this license, include tire repair shops and other existing licenses. We believe the language authorizing the sale of wine by the glass will assist us and the other existing licensees.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Robert Mishkin, Owner, Uptown Art.

OTHER: James Paribello, WSLCB.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: No one.