

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## ESB 6292

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*As Passed House - Amended  
March 4, 1992*

**Title:** An act relating to on-premises sales by licensed brewers and domestic wineries.

**Brief Description:** Expanding the sales opportunities of licensed brewers and domestic wineries.

**Sponsor(s):** Senators Bauer, Newhouse, Thorsness, Moore and Vognild.

**Brief History:**

Reported by House Committee on:  
Commerce & Labor, February 26, 1992, DPA;  
Passed House, March 4, 1992, 95-0.

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
COMMERCE & LABOR**

**Majority Report:** *Do pass as amended.* Signed by 10 members: Representatives Heavey, Chair; G. Cole, Vice Chair; Fuhrman, Ranking Minority Member; Lisk, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Franklin; Jones; R. King; O'Brien; Prentice; and Vance.

**Staff:** Jim Kelley (786-7166).

**Background:** Breweries are licensed to sell beer of their own production for on or off-premise consumption. For the purpose of conducting such activity, an establishment holding a brewer's license is considered to have wholesaling and retailing privileges for products of their own production. However, a brewery desiring to sell wine or beer produced by another brewery for consumption on premises is required to hold a class H restaurant license and must provide full meal services.

Domestic wineries are licensed to sell wine of their own production for on or off-premise consumption. For the purposes of conducting such activity, an establishment holding a domestic winery license is also considered to have wholesaling and retailing privileges for products of their own production. However, a winery desiring to sell beer or wines produced by another winery for consumption on premises

is required to obtain a class H restaurant license and must provide full meal service.

The range of license fees for applicable retail liquor licenses are as follows: A-beer license \$205-\$355; B-beer tavern, \$205-\$355; C-wine, \$150-\$300; H-beer/wine/spirits, \$1,200-\$2,000.

**Summary of Bill:** Licensed brewers and wineries are authorized to obtain a beer or wine retailers' license for on-premise consumption at the brewery or winery. The alcoholic beverages that are not produced by the brewery or winery are required to be purchased from a licensed beer or wine wholesaler.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested January 23, 1992.

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

**Testimony For:** Breweries and wineries would like to offer products other than just their own beer or wine, without having to offer full meal service. Brewhouses are the wave of the future.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Witnesses:** Carter Mitchell, Liquor Control Board; and T. K. Bentler, Washington Association of Microbreweries (in favor).