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SENATE BILL 5450

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By Senators Sellar, Snyder, Matson, Moore, McMullen, McDonald and Skratek.

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1 AN ACT Relating to pasteurization in relation to licenses for the  
2 sale of beer; and amending RCW 66.24.320, 66.24.330, 66.24.350, and  
3 66.24.360.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.24.320 and 1987 c 458 s 11 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 There shall be a beer retailer's license to be designated as a  
8 class A license to sell beer at retail, for consumption on the premises  
9 and to sell ((unpasteurized)) beer for consumption off the premises:  
10 PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That ((unpasteurized)) beer ((so)) sold for  
11 consumption off the premises must be in original sealed packages of the  
12 manufacturer or bottler of not less than seven and three-fourths  
13 gallons: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That ((unpasteurized)) beer may be sold  
14 to a purchaser in a sanitary container brought to the premises by the  
15 purchaser and filled at the tap by the retailer at the time of sale;

1 such license to be issued only to hotels, restaurants, drug stores or  
2 soda fountains, dining places on boats and airplanes, to clubs, and at  
3 sports arenas or race tracks during recognized professional athletic  
4 events. The annual fee for said license, if issued in cities and  
5 towns, shall be graduated according to the population thereof as  
6 follows:

7	Cities and towns	Fee
8	Less than 20,000	\$ 205
9	20,000 or over	\$ 355

10 The annual fee for such license, if issued outside of cities and  
11 towns, shall be two hundred five dollars: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That the  
12 annual license fee for such license, if issued to dining places on  
13 vessels not exceeding one thousand gross tons, plying on inland waters  
14 of the state of Washington on regular schedules, shall be two hundred  
15 five dollars.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 66.24.330 and 1987 c 458 s 12 are each amended to read  
17 as follows:

18 There shall be a beer retailer's license to be designated as a  
19 class B license to sell beer at retail, for consumption on the premises  
20 and to sell ((unpasteurized)) beer for consumption off the premises:  
21 PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That ((unpasteurized)) beer ((so)) sold for  
22 consumption off the premises must be in original sealed packages of the  
23 manufacturer or bottler of not less than seven and three-fourths  
24 gallons: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That ((unpasteurized)) beer may be sold  
25 to a purchaser in a sanitary container brought to the premises by the  
26 purchaser and filled at the tap by the retailer at the time of sale;  
27 such license to be issued only to a person operating a tavern. The

1 annual fee for said license, if issued in cities and towns, shall be  
2 graduated according to the population thereof as follows:

3	Cities and towns	Fees
4	Less than 20,000	\$ 205
5	20,000 or over	\$ 355

6 The annual fee for such license, if issued outside of cities and  
7 towns, shall be two hundred five dollars.

8 **Sec. 3.** RCW 66.24.350 and 1981 1st ex.s. c 5 s 40 are each amended  
9 to read as follows:

10 There shall be a beer retailer's license to be designated as class  
11 D license to sell ((pasteurized)) beer by the opened bottle at retail,  
12 for consumption upon the premises only, such license to be issued to  
13 hotels, restaurants, dining places on boats and aeroplanes, clubs, drug  
14 stores, or soda fountains, and such other places where the sale of beer  
15 is not the principal business conducted; fee one hundred twenty-five  
16 dollars per annum.

17 **Sec. 4.** RCW 66.24.360 and 1987 c 46 s 1 are each amended to read  
18 as follows:

19 There shall be a beer retailer's license to be designated as class  
20 E license to sell ((pasteurized)) beer at retail in bottles and  
21 original packages, not to be consumed upon the premises where sold, at  
22 any store other than the state liquor stores; fee seventy-five dollars  
23 per annum for each store: PROVIDED, That a holder of a class A or a  
24 class B license shall be entitled to the privileges permitted in this  
25 section by paying an annual fee of twenty-five dollars for each store.  
26 Licensees under this section whose business is primarily the sale of  
27 beer and/or wine at retail may provide, free or for a charge, single-  
28 serving samples of two ounces or less to customers for the purpose of

1 sales promotion. Sampling activities of licensees under this section  
2 shall be subject to RCW 66.28.010 and 66.28.040 and the cost of  
3 sampling under this section may not be borne, directly or indirectly,  
4 by any manufacturer, importer, or wholesaler of liquor.

5 For the purpose of this section, "~~((pasteurized))~~ beer" includes,  
6 in addition to the usual and customary meaning, bottle conditioned beer  
7 which has been fermented partially or completely in the container in  
8 which it is sold to the retail customer and which may contain residual  
9 active yeast. The bottles and original packages in which such bottle  
10 conditioned beer may be sold under this section shall not exceed one  
11 hundred seventy ounces in capacity.