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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5776**

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**Speaker of the  
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BOOTH GARDNER  
**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Gordon Golob, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5776** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

GORDON A. GOLOB  
**Secretary**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**State of Washington                      52nd Legislature                      1991 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Senator McMullen).

Read first time March 6, 1991.

1            AN ACT Relating to alcoholic beverage control; amending RCW  
2 66.04.010, 66.24.170, 66.24.210, and 9.46.0315.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.04.010 and 1987 c 386 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            In this title, unless the context otherwise requires:(1) "Alcohol"  
7 is that substance known as ethyl alcohol, hydrated oxide of ethyl, or  
8 spirit of wine, which is commonly produced by the fermentation or  
9 distillation of grain, starch, molasses, or sugar, or other substances  
10 including all dilutions and mixtures of this substance. The term  
11 "alcohol" does not include alcohol in the possession of a manufacturer  
12 or distiller of alcohol fuel, as described in RCW 66.12.130, which is  
13 intended to be denatured and used as a fuel for use in motor vehicles,  
14 farm implements, and machines or implements of husbandry.

1 (2) "Beer" means any malt beverage or malt liquor as these terms  
2 are defined in this chapter.

3 (3) "Brewer" means any person engaged in the business of  
4 manufacturing beer and malt liquor.

5 (4) "Board" means the liquor control board, constituted under this  
6 title.

7 (5) "Club" means an organization of persons, incorporated or  
8 unincorporated, operated solely for fraternal, benevolent, educational,  
9 athletic or social purposes, and not for pecuniary gain.

10 (6) "Consume" includes the putting of liquor to any use, whether by  
11 drinking or otherwise.

12 (7) "Dentist" means a practitioner of dentistry duly and regularly  
13 licensed and engaged in the practice of his profession within the state  
14 pursuant to chapter 18.32 RCW.

15 (8) "Distiller" means a person engaged in the business of  
16 distilling spirits.

17 (9) "Druggist" means any person who holds a valid certificate and  
18 is a registered pharmacist and is duly and regularly engaged in  
19 carrying on the business of pharmaceutical chemistry pursuant to  
20 chapter 18.64 RCW.

21 (10) "Drug store" means a place whose principal business is, the  
22 sale of drugs, medicines and pharmaceutical preparations and maintains  
23 a regular prescription department and employs a registered pharmacist  
24 during all hours the drug store is open.

25 (11) "Employee" means any person employed by the board, including  
26 a vendor, as hereinafter in this section defined.

27 (12) "Fund" means 'liquor revolving fund.'

28 (13) "Hotel" means every building or other structure kept, used,  
29 maintained, advertised or held out to the public to be a place where  
30 food is served and sleeping accommodations are offered for pay to

1 transient guests, in which twenty or more rooms are used for the  
2 sleeping accommodation of such transient guests and having one or more  
3 dining rooms where meals are served to such transient guests, such  
4 sleeping accommodations and dining rooms being conducted in the same  
5 building and buildings, in connection therewith, and such structure or  
6 structures being provided, in the judgment of the board, with adequate  
7 and sanitary kitchen and dining room equipment and capacity, for  
8 preparing, cooking and serving suitable food for its guests: PROVIDED  
9 FURTHER, That in cities and towns of less than five thousand  
10 population, the board shall have authority to waive the provisions  
11 requiring twenty or more rooms.

12 (14) "Imprisonment" means confinement in the county jail.

13 (15) "Liquor" includes the four varieties of liquor herein defined  
14 (alcohol, spirits, wine and beer), and all fermented, spirituous,  
15 vinous, or malt liquor, or combinations thereof, and mixed liquor, a  
16 part of which is fermented, spirituous, vinous or malt liquor, or  
17 otherwise intoxicating; and every liquid or solid or semisolid or other  
18 substance, patented or not, containing alcohol, spirits, wine or beer,  
19 and all drinks or drinkable liquids and all preparations or mixtures  
20 capable of human consumption, and any liquid, semisolid, solid, or  
21 other substance, which contains more than one percent of alcohol by  
22 weight shall be conclusively deemed to be intoxicating. Liquor does not  
23 include confections or food products that contain one percent or less  
24 of alcohol by weight.

25 (16) "Manufacturer" means a person engaged in the preparation of  
26 liquor for sale, in any form whatsoever.

27 (17) "Malt beverage" or "malt liquor" means any beverage such as  
28 beer, ale, lager beer, stout, and porter obtained by the alcoholic  
29 fermentation of an infusion or decoction of pure hops, or pure extract  
30 of hops and pure barley malt or other wholesome grain or cereal in pure

1 water containing not more than eight percent of alcohol by weight, and  
2 not less than one-half of one percent of alcohol by volume. For the  
3 purposes of this title, any such beverage containing more than eight  
4 percent of alcohol by weight shall be referred to as "strong beer."

5 (18) "Package" means any container or receptacle used for holding  
6 liquor.

7 (19) "Permit" means a permit for the purchase of liquor under this  
8 title.

9 (20) "Person" means an individual, copartnership, association, or  
10 corporation.

11 (21) "Physician" means a medical practitioner duly and regularly  
12 licensed and engaged in the practice of his profession within the state  
13 pursuant to chapter 18.71 RCW.

14 (22) "Prescription" means a memorandum signed by a physician and  
15 given by him to a patient for the obtaining of liquor pursuant to this  
16 title for medicinal purposes.

17 (23) "Public place" includes streets and alleys of incorporated  
18 cities and towns; state or county or township highways or roads;  
19 buildings and grounds used for school purposes; public dance halls and  
20 grounds adjacent thereto; those parts of establishments where beer may  
21 be sold under this title, soft drink establishments, public buildings,  
22 public meeting halls, lobbies, halls and dining rooms of hotels,  
23 restaurants, theatres, stores, garages and filling stations which are  
24 open to and are generally used by the public and to which the public is  
25 permitted to have unrestricted access; railroad trains, stages, and  
26 other public conveyances of all kinds and character, and the depots and  
27 waiting rooms used in conjunction therewith which are open to  
28 unrestricted use and access by the public; publicly owned bathing  
29 beaches, parks, and/or playgrounds; and all other places of like or

1 similar nature to which the general public has unrestricted right of  
2 access, and which are generally used by the public.

3 (24) "Regulations" means regulations made by the board under the  
4 powers conferred by this title.

5 (25) "Restaurant" means any establishment provided with special  
6 space and accommodations where, in consideration of payment, food,  
7 without lodgings, is habitually furnished to the public, not including  
8 drug stores and soda fountains.

9 (26) "Sale" and "sell" include exchange, barter, and traffic; and  
10 also include the selling or supplying or distributing, by any means  
11 whatsoever, of liquor, or of any liquid known or described as beer or  
12 by any name whatever commonly used to describe malt or brewed liquor or  
13 of wine, by any person to any person; and also include a sale or  
14 selling within the state to a foreign consignee or his agent in the  
15 state. "Sale" and "sell" shall not include the giving, at no charge,  
16 of a reasonable amount of liquor by a person not licensed by the board  
17 to a person not licensed by the board, for personal use only. "Sale"  
18 and "sell" also does not include a raffle authorized under RCW  
19 9.46.0315: PROVIDED, That the nonprofit organization conducting the  
20 raffle has obtained the appropriate permit from the board.

21 (27) "Soda fountain" means a place especially equipped with  
22 apparatus for the purpose of dispensing soft drinks, whether mixed or  
23 otherwise.

24 (28) "Spirits" means any beverage which contains alcohol obtained  
25 by distillation, including wines exceeding twenty-four percent of  
26 alcohol by volume.

27 (29) "Store" means a state liquor store established under this  
28 title.

1 (30) "Tavern" means any establishment with special space and  
2 accommodation for sale by the glass and for consumption on the  
3 premises, of beer, as herein defined.

4 (31) "Vendor" means a person employed by the board as a store  
5 manager under this title.

6 (32) "Winery" means a business conducted by any person for the  
7 manufacture of wine for sale, other than a domestic winery.

8 (33) "Domestic winery" means a place where wines are manufactured  
9 or produced within the state of Washington.

10 (34) "Wine" means any alcoholic beverage obtained by fermentation  
11 of fruits (grapes, berries, apples, et cetera) or other agricultural  
12 product containing sugar, to which any saccharine substances may have  
13 been added before, during or after fermentation, and containing not  
14 more than twenty-four percent of alcohol by volume, including sweet  
15 wines fortified with wine spirits, such as port, sherry, muscatel and  
16 angelica, not exceeding twenty-four percent of alcohol by volume and  
17 not less than one-half of one percent of alcohol by volume. For  
18 purposes of this title, any beverage containing (~~less~~) no more than  
19 fourteen percent of alcohol by volume when bottled or packaged by the  
20 manufacturer shall be referred to as "table wine," and any beverage  
21 containing alcohol in an amount (~~equal to or~~) more than fourteen  
22 percent by volume when bottled or packaged by the manufacturer shall be  
23 referred to as "fortified wine." However, "fortified wine" shall not  
24 include: (a) Wines that are both sealed or capped by cork closure and  
25 aged two years or more; and (b) wines that contain more than fourteen  
26 percent (~~or more~~) alcohol by volume solely as a result of the natural  
27 fermentation process and that have not been produced with the addition  
28 of wine spirits, brandy, or alcohol.

29 This subsection shall not be interpreted to require that any wine  
30 be labeled with the designation "table wine" or "fortified wine."

1 (35) "Beer wholesaler" means a person who buys beer from a brewer  
2 or brewery located either within or beyond the boundaries of the state  
3 for the purpose of selling the same pursuant to this title, or who  
4 represents such brewer or brewery as agent.

5 (36) "Wine wholesaler" means a person who buys wine from a vintner  
6 or winery located either within or beyond the boundaries of the state  
7 for the purpose of selling the same not in violation of this title, or  
8 who represents such vintner or winery as agent.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 66.24.170 and 1982 c 85 s 4 are each amended to read  
10 as follows:

11 (1) There shall be a license to domestic wineries; fee to be  
12 computed only on the liters manufactured: One hundred thousand liters  
13 or less per year, one hundred dollars per year; over one hundred  
14 thousand liters to seven hundred fifty thousand liters per year, four  
15 hundred dollars per year; and over seven hundred fifty thousand liters  
16 per year, eight hundred dollars per year.

17 (2) Any applicant for a domestic winery license shall, at the time  
18 of filing application for license, accompany such application with a  
19 license fee based upon a reasonable estimate of the amount of wine  
20 liters to be manufactured by such applicant. Persons holding domestic  
21 winery licenses shall report annually at the end of each fiscal year,  
22 at such time and in such manner as the board may prescribe, the amount  
23 of wine manufactured by them during the fiscal year. If the total  
24 amount of wine manufactured during the year exceeds the amount  
25 permitted annually by the license fee already paid the board, the  
26 licensee shall pay such additional license fee as may be unpaid in  
27 accordance with the schedule provided in this section.

28 (3) Any domestic winery licensed under this section shall also be  
29 considered as holding, for the purposes of selling or importing

1 wine(~~s~~) of its own production, a current wine wholesaler's license  
2 under RCW 66.24.200, a wine importer's license under RCW 66.24.204, and  
3 a wine retailer's license, class F, under RCW 66.24.370 without further  
4 application or fee. Any winery operating as a wholesaler, importer, or  
5 retailer under this subsection shall comply with the applicable laws  
6 and rules relating to (~~such~~) wholesalers, importers, and retailers.

7 (4) Wine produced in Washington state by a domestic winery  
8 licensee may be shipped out-of-state for the purpose of making it into  
9 sparkling wine and then returned to such licensee for resale. Such  
10 wine shall be deemed wine manufactured in the state of Washington for  
11 the purposes of RCW 66.24.206, and shall not require a special license.

12 **Sec. 3.** RCW 66.24.210 and 1989 c 271 s 501 are each amended to  
13 read as follows:

14 (1) There is hereby imposed upon all wines sold to wine wholesalers  
15 and the Washington state liquor control board, within the state a tax  
16 at the rate of twenty and one-fourth cents per liter: PROVIDED,  
17 HOWEVER, That wine sold or shipped in bulk from one winery to another  
18 winery shall not be subject to such tax. The tax provided for in this  
19 section may, if so prescribed by the board, be collected by means of  
20 stamps to be furnished by the board, or by direct payments based on  
21 wine purchased by wine wholesalers. Every person purchasing wine under  
22 the provisions of this section shall on or before the twentieth day of  
23 each month report to the board all purchases during the preceding  
24 calendar month in such manner and upon such forms as may be prescribed  
25 by the board, and with such report shall pay the tax due from the  
26 purchases covered by such report unless the same has previously been  
27 paid. Any such purchaser of wine whose applicable tax payment is not  
28 postmarked by the twentieth day following the month of purchase will be  
29 assessed a penalty at the rate of two percent a month or fraction

1 thereof. If this tax be collected by means of stamps, every such  
2 person shall procure from the board revenue stamps representing the tax  
3 in such form as the board shall prescribe and shall affix the same to  
4 the package or container in such manner and in such denomination as  
5 required by the board and shall cancel the same prior to the delivery  
6 of the package or container containing the wine to the purchaser. If  
7 the tax is not collected by means of stamps, the board may require that  
8 every such person shall execute to and file with the board a bond to be  
9 approved by the board, in such amount as the board may fix, securing  
10 the payment of the tax. If any such person fails to pay the tax when  
11 due, the board may forthwith suspend or cancel the license until all  
12 taxes are paid.

13 (2) An additional tax is imposed equal to the rate specified in RCW  
14 82.02.030 multiplied by the tax payable under subsection (1) of this  
15 section. All revenues collected during any month from this additional  
16 tax shall be transferred to the state general fund by the twenty-fifth  
17 day of the following month.

18 (3) An additional tax is imposed on wines subject to tax under  
19 subsection (1) of this section, at the rate of one-fourth of one cent  
20 per liter for wine sold after June 30, 1987. Such additional tax shall  
21 cease to be imposed on July 1, 1993. All revenues collected under this  
22 subsection (3) shall be disbursed quarterly to the Washington wine  
23 commission for use in carrying out the purposes of chapter 15.88 RCW.

24 (4) Until July 1, 1995, an additional tax is imposed on all wine  
25 subject to tax under subsection (1) of this section. The additional  
26 tax is equal to twenty-three and forty-four one-hundredths cents per  
27 liter on fortified wine (~~containing alcohol in an amount equal to or~~  
28 ~~more than fourteen percent by volume~~) as defined in RCW 66.04.010(34)  
29 when bottled or packaged by the manufacturer and one cent per liter on  
30 all other wine. All revenues collected during any month from this

1 additional tax shall be deposited in the drug enforcement and education  
2 account under RCW 69.50.520 by the twenty-fifth day of the following  
3 month.

4 **Sec. 4.** RCW 9.46.0315 and 1987 c 4 s 27 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 Bona fide charitable or bona fide nonprofit organizations organized  
7 primarily for purposes other than the conduct of raffles, are hereby  
8 authorized to conduct raffles without obtaining a license to do so from  
9 the commission when such raffles are held in accordance with all other  
10 requirements of this chapter, other applicable laws, and rules of the  
11 commission; when gross revenues from all such raffles held by the  
12 organization during the calendar year do not exceed five thousand  
13 dollars; and when tickets to such raffles are sold only to, and winners  
14 are determined only from among, the regular members of the organization  
15 conducting the raffle. The organization may provide unopened  
16 containers of beverages containing alcohol as raffle prizes if the  
17 appropriate permit has been obtained from the liquor control board:  
18 PROVIDED, That the term members for this purpose shall mean only those  
19 persons who have become members prior to the commencement of the raffle  
20 and whose qualification for membership was not dependent upon, or in  
21 any way related to, the purchase of a ticket, or tickets, for such  
22 raffles.

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