
HOUSE BILL 2404

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1 AN ACT Relating to the study of privatization of liquor stores; and
2 creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) There is created a task force on the
5 privatization of liquor stores. The task force must be comprised of
6 members consisting as follows:

7 (a) Two members from each caucus of the senate appointed by the
8 president of the senate;

9 (b) Two members from each caucus of the house of representatives
10 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

11 (c) One member from the liquor control board, one member from the
12 office of financial management, one member from the state employees
13 union, one member representing retailers, and three additional members
14 selected for their broad, independent knowledge and reasoning, all
15 appointed by the governor.

16 (2) The task force shall, before December 1, 1994, examine whether
17 privatizing state retail liquor operations could save tax dollars and
18 maintain or improve upon current service levels, within the following
19 baseline requirements:

1 (a) All existing personnel affected by the closing of state liquor
2 retail stores must be hired at the same or better salary and benefits
3 by whatever private method of operations is selected; and

4 (b) The number of private retailers of liquor must be limited to
5 the extent possible by establishing a total state-wide volume sales
6 target or projection of a maximum of one hundred fifteen percent of
7 current liquor sales, adjusted annually by population. The first
8 quantity and geographic distribution of retailers must be established
9 by the liquor control board, with annual revisions based on alcohol
10 volumes sold.

11 (3) The task force shall complete its report by December 31, 1994,
12 and recommend to privatize, to not privatize, or make no recommendation
13 for possible legislative action to the appropriate committees of the
14 legislature during the 1995 legislative session.

15 (4) The task force shall convene as soon as possible upon the
16 appointment of its members. The task force members shall elect a chair
17 and adopt rules for conducting the business of the task force. The
18 task force shall expire upon the completion of its report and
19 recommendations under subsection (3) of this section.

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