
HOUSE BILL 3065

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1 AN ACT Relating to credit and debit card purchases in state liquor
2 stores and agency liquor vendor stores; and amending RCW 66.08.026 and
3 66.16.041.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.08.026 and 1997 c 148 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 All administrative expenses of the board incurred on and after
8 April 1, 1963 shall be appropriated and paid from the liquor revolving
9 fund. These administrative expenses shall include, but not be limited
10 to: The salaries and expenses of the board and its employees, the cost
11 of establishing, leasing, maintaining, and operating state liquor
12 stores and warehouses, legal services, pilot projects, annual or other
13 audits, and other general costs of conducting the business of the
14 board, and the costs of supplying, installing, and maintaining
15 equipment used in agency liquor vendor stores for the purchase of
16 liquor by nonlicensees using debit or credit cards. The administrative
17 expenses shall not, however, be deemed to include costs of liquor and
18 lottery tickets purchased, the cost of transportation and delivery to
19 the point of distribution, other costs pertaining to the acquisition

1 and receipt of liquor and lottery tickets, packaging and repackaging of
2 liquor, transaction fees associated with credit or debit card purchases
3 for liquor in state liquor stores and in the stores of agency liquor
4 vendors pursuant to RCW 66.16.040 and 66.16.041, sales tax, and those
5 amounts distributed pursuant to RCW 66.08.180, 66.08.190, 66.08.200,
6 66.08.210 and 66.08.220.

7 **Sec. 2.** RCW 66.16.041 and 1997 c 148 s 2 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 (1) The state liquor control board shall accept bank credit card
10 and debit cards from nonlicensees for purchases in state liquor stores,
11 under such rules as the board may adopt. The board shall authorize
12 liquor vendors appointed under RCW 66.08.050 to accept bank credit
13 cards and debit cards for liquor purchases under this title, under such
14 rules as the board may adopt.

15 (2) If a liquor vendor operating an agency store chooses to use
16 credit or debit cards for liquor purchases by nonlicensees, the board
17 shall provide equipment and installation and maintenance of the
18 equipment necessary to implement the use of credit and debit cards.
19 Any equipment provided by the board to an agency liquor vendor store
20 for this purpose may be used only for the purchase of liquor.

21 (3) The board shall provide a report evaluating the implementation
22 of this section to the appropriate committees of the legislature by
23 January 1, 1998.

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