
SENATE BILL 5712

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By Senators Prentice, Hale, Bauer, West and Winsley

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1 AN ACT Relating to motel liquor licenses; and amending RCW
2 66.24.540.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.24.540 and 1997 c 321 s 34 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 There shall be a retailer's license to be designated as a motel
7 license. The motel license may be issued to a motel ~~((that))~~
8 regardless of whether it holds ~~((no))~~ any other class of license under
9 this title. No license may be issued to a motel offering rooms to its
10 guests on an hourly basis. The license authorizes the licensee to:

11 (1) Sell, at retail, in locked honor bars, spirits in individual
12 bottles not to exceed fifty milliliters, beer in individual cans or
13 bottles not to exceed twelve ounces, and wine in individual bottles not
14 to exceed one hundred eighty-seven milliliters, to registered guests of
15 the motel for consumption in guest rooms.

16 (a) Each honor bar must also contain snack foods. ~~((No more than
17 one-half of the guest rooms may have honor bars. The board shall
18 charge a reasonable fee for this license.))~~

1 **(b)** All spirits to be sold under the license must be purchased from
2 the board.

3 **(c)** The licensee shall require proof of age from the guest renting
4 a guest room and requesting the use of an honor bar. The guest shall
5 also execute an affidavit verifying that no one under twenty-one years
6 of age shall have access to the spirits, beer, and wine in the honor
7 bar.

8 **(2)** Provide without additional charge, to overnight guests of the
9 motel, beer and wine by the individual serving for on-premises
10 consumption at a specified regular date, time, and place as may be
11 fixed by the board. Self-service by attendees is prohibited. All beer
12 and wine service must be done by an alcohol server as defined in RCW
13 66.20.300 and comply with RCW 66.20.310.

14 The annual fee for a motel license is five hundred dollars.

15 "Motel" as used in this section means a facility or place offering
16 three or more self-contained units designated by number, letter, or
17 some other method of identification to travelers and transient guests.

18 As used in this section, "spirits," "beer," and "wine" have the
19 meanings defined in RCW 66.04.010.

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