
SENATE BILL 5871

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By Senator Heavey

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1 AN ACT Relating to liability of alcohol sellers; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 4.24 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 4.24 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 In any civil action brought for damages for the injury or death of
7 a patron of a commercial establishment, when the injury or death is
8 proximately caused by the selling of alcohol to that patron, the trier
9 of fact may consider the following:

10 (1) The person's appearance at the time the intoxicating liquor was
11 furnished to that person including but not limited to slurred speech
12 and physical impairment;

13 (2) Evidence of the amount and type of alcohol consumed; and

14 (3) The length of time the person remained in the establishment
15 consuming alcohol.

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