

5808-S

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Brief Description: Marketing farmer-produced bottled wine.

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(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that a domestic winery licensed under RCW 66.24.170 that did not produce more than five thousand cases of wine in the previous year may, at one qualifying farmers market location separate from any of its production or manufacturing sites and in addition to the two other locations provided for in this section, sell bottled wine at retail for off-premises consumption so long as:

- (1) The fruit or other agricultural product that is the wine base was grown in Washington; and
- (2) The wine being sold is the winery's own production.

Provides that the winery must not serve samples of its product, with or without charge, at the location approved under this section.

Declares that, for purposes of this section, "qualifying farmers market" means a membership of five or more growers who assemble at a defined location no more than four times per week for the purpose of selling their produce directly to consumers and that has no more than twenty percent of its retailers who sell bottled wine.

Provides that to qualify to sell wine under this section a winery must gain prior approval by the board under RCW 66.24.010.

Provides that any winery selling wine under this section must comply with all other applicable laws relating to the sale of wine, including laws relating to the protection of minors.