

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2825

As Passed Legislature

Title: An act relating to medical, hospital, mechanical, manufacturing, or scientific entities or persons obtaining nonbeverage alcohol directly from suppliers.

Brief Description: Allowing certain alcohol permit holders to obtain alcohol in nonbeverage form directly from suppliers.

Sponsors: By Representatives Conway, Condotta and Armstrong.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Commerce & Labor: 1/25/08 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 2/7/08, 95-0.

Passed Senate: 3/6/08, 49-0.

Passed Legislature.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows persons engaged in medical or dental pursuits, in charge of a hospital or sanitarium, or engaged in mechanical or manufacturing or scientific pursuits, and with a class I or II liquor permit, to obtain liquor directly from a supplier.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 7 members: Representatives Conway, Chair; Wood, Vice Chair; Condotta, Ranking Minority Member; Chandler, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Green, Moeller and Williams.

Staff: Joan Elgee (786-7106).

Background:

The Liquor Control Board (Board) issues permits for specific limited purposes. A class I permit allows physicians, dentists, and persons in charge of a hospital or sanitarium to purchase liquor. A class II permit allows a person engaged in the mechanical or

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manufacturing business or in scientific pursuits requiring alcohol to purchase liquor. The liquor for these purposes is typically nonbeverage spirits and must be purchased from the Board.

Two other permits allow the purchase of alcohol directly from a supplier. Manufacturers of confections or food products who use liquor in their products and druggists who use liquor in prescriptions may purchase liquor directly from a supplier.

Summary of Bill:

Persons with class I or II liquor permits may purchase nonbeverage liquor directly from a supplier and are not required to purchase the liquor from the Board.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) The decentralization of purchasing functions means many different units will need to purchase ethanol, which will be a burden for the Board. There is no need for the Board to be involved in these nonbeverage purchases and purchasing directly from a supplier will be more efficient.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Randy Hodgins, University of Washington; and Rick Garza, Liquor Control Board.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.