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1 AN ACT Relating to banquet provisions for charitable or nonprofit  
2 organizations; amending RCW 66.20.010; and adding a new section to  
3 chapter 66.28 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.20.010 and 2023 c 257 s 1 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 Upon application in the prescribed form being made to any  
8 employee authorized by the board to issue permits, accompanied by  
9 payment of the prescribed fee, and upon the employee being satisfied  
10 that the applicant should be granted a permit under this title, the  
11 employee must issue to the applicant under such regulations and at  
12 such fee as may be prescribed by the board a permit of the class  
13 applied for, as follows:

14 (1) Where the application is for a special permit by a physician  
15 or dentist, or by any person in charge of an institution regularly  
16 conducted as a hospital or sanatorium for the care of persons in ill  
17 health, or as a home devoted exclusively to the care of aged people,  
18 a special liquor purchase permit, except that the governor may waive  
19 the requirement for a special liquor purchase permit under this  
20 subsection pursuant to an order issued under RCW 43.06.220(2);

1 (2) Where the application is for a special permit by a person  
2 engaged within the state in mechanical or manufacturing business or  
3 in scientific pursuits requiring alcohol for use therein, or by any  
4 private individual, a special permit to purchase alcohol for the  
5 purpose named in the permit, except that the governor may waive the  
6 requirement for a special liquor purchase permit under this  
7 subsection pursuant to an order issued under RCW 43.06.220(2);

8 (3) Where the application is for a special permit to consume  
9 liquor at a banquet, at a specified date and place, a special permit  
10 to purchase liquor for consumption at such banquet, to ~~((such))~~;

11 (a) Such applicants as may be fixed by the board; and

12 (b) A not-for-profit society or charitable organization as  
13 authorized under section 2 of this act;

14 (4) Where the application is for a special permit to consume  
15 liquor on the premises of a business not licensed under this title, a  
16 special permit to purchase liquor for consumption thereon for such  
17 periods of time and to such applicants as may be fixed by the board;

18 (5) Where the application is for a special permit by a  
19 manufacturer to import or purchase within the state alcohol, malt,  
20 and other materials containing alcohol to be used in the manufacture  
21 of liquor, or other products, a special permit;

22 (6) Where the application is for a special permit by a person  
23 operating a drug store to purchase liquor at retail prices only, to  
24 be thereafter sold by such person on the prescription of a physician,  
25 a special liquor purchase permit, except that the governor may waive  
26 the requirement for a special liquor purchase permit under this  
27 subsection pursuant to an order issued under RCW 43.06.220(2);

28 (7) Where the application is for a special permit by an  
29 authorized representative of a military installation operated by or  
30 for any of the armed forces within the geographical boundaries of the  
31 state of Washington, a special permit to purchase liquor for use on  
32 such military installation;

33 (8) Where the application is for a special permit by a vendor  
34 that manufactures or sells a product which cannot be effectively  
35 presented to potential buyers without serving it with liquor or by a  
36 manufacturer, importer, or distributor, or representative thereof, to  
37 serve liquor without charge to delegates and guests at a convention  
38 of a trade association composed of licensees of the board, when the  
39 said liquor is served in a hospitality room or from a booth in a  
40 board-approved suppliers' display room at the convention, and when

1 the liquor so served is for consumption in the said hospitality room  
2 or display room during the convention, anything in this title to the  
3 contrary notwithstanding. Any such spirituous liquor must be  
4 purchased from a spirits retailer or distributor, and any such liquor  
5 is subject to the taxes imposed by RCW 82.08.150, 66.24.290, and  
6 66.24.210;

7 (9) Where the application is for a special permit by a  
8 manufacturer, importer, or distributor, or representative thereof, to  
9 donate liquor for a reception, breakfast, luncheon, or dinner for  
10 delegates and guests at a convention of a trade association composed  
11 of licensees of the board, when the liquor so donated is for  
12 consumption at the said reception, breakfast, luncheon, or dinner  
13 during the convention, anything in this title to the contrary  
14 notwithstanding. Any such spirituous liquor must be purchased from a  
15 spirits retailer or distributor, and any such liquor is subject to  
16 the taxes imposed by RCW 82.08.150, 66.24.290, and 66.24.210;

17 (10) Where the application is for a special permit by a  
18 manufacturer, importer, or distributor, or representative thereof, to  
19 donate and/or serve liquor without charge to delegates and guests at  
20 an international trade fair, show, or exposition held under the  
21 auspices of a federal, state, or local governmental entity or  
22 organized and promoted by a nonprofit organization, anything in this  
23 title to the contrary notwithstanding. Any such spirituous liquor  
24 must be purchased from a liquor spirits retailer or distributor, and  
25 any such liquor is subject to the taxes imposed by RCW 82.08.150,  
26 66.24.290, and 66.24.210;

27 (11) Where the application is for an annual special permit by a  
28 person operating a bed and breakfast lodging facility to donate or  
29 serve wine or beer without charge to overnight guests of the facility  
30 if the wine or beer is for consumption on the premises of the  
31 facility. "Bed and breakfast lodging facility," as used in this  
32 subsection, means a facility offering from one to eight lodging units  
33 and breakfast to travelers and guests;

34 (12) Where the application is for a special permit to allow  
35 tasting of alcohol by persons at least 18 years of age under the  
36 following circumstances:

37 (a) The application is from a community or technical college as  
38 defined in RCW 28B.50.030, a regional university, or a state  
39 university;

1 (b) The person who is permitted to taste under this subsection is  
2 enrolled as a student in a required or elective class that is part of  
3 a culinary, sommelier, wine business, enology, viticulture, wine  
4 technology, beer technology, or spirituous technology-related degree  
5 program;

6 (c) The alcohol served to any person in the degree-related  
7 programs under (b) of this subsection is tasted but not consumed for  
8 the purposes of educational training as part of the class curriculum  
9 with the approval of the educational provider;

10 (d) The service and tasting of alcoholic beverages is supervised  
11 by a faculty or staff member of the educational provider who is 21  
12 years of age or older. The supervising faculty or staff member  
13 (~~shall~~) must possess a class 12 or 13 alcohol server permit under  
14 the provisions of RCW 66.20.310;

15 (e) The enrolled student permitted to taste the alcoholic  
16 beverages does not purchase the alcoholic beverages;

17 (f) The enrolled student permitted to taste the alcoholic  
18 beverages conducts the tasting either: (i) On the premises of the  
19 college or university at which the student is enrolled; or (ii) while  
20 on a field trip to a grape-growing area or production facility so  
21 long as the enrolled student is accompanied by a faculty or staff  
22 member with a class 12 or 13 alcohol server permit who supervises as  
23 provided in (d) of this subsection and all other requirements of this  
24 subsection (12) are met; and

25 (g) The permit fee for the special permit provided for in this  
26 subsection (12) must be waived by the board;

27 (13) Where the application is for a special permit by a  
28 distillery or craft distillery for an event not open to the general  
29 public to be held or conducted at a specific place, including at the  
30 licensed premise of the applying distillery or craft distillery, upon  
31 a specific date for the purpose of tasting and selling spirits of its  
32 own production. The distillery or craft distillery must obtain a  
33 permit for a fee of \$10 per event. An application for the permit must  
34 be submitted for private banquet permits prior to the event and, once  
35 issued, must be posted in a conspicuous place at the premises for  
36 which the permit was issued during all times the permit is in use. No  
37 licensee may receive more than 12 permits under this subsection (13)  
38 each year;

39 (14) Where the application is for a special permit by a  
40 manufacturer of wine for an event not open to the general public to

1 be held or conducted at a specific place upon a specific date for the  
2 purpose of tasting and selling wine of its own production. The winery  
3 must obtain a permit for a fee of \$10 per event. An application for  
4 the permit must be submitted at least ten days before the event and  
5 once issued, must be posted in a conspicuous place at the premises  
6 for which the permit was issued during all times the permit is in  
7 use. No more than 12 events per year may be held by a single  
8 manufacturer under this subsection;

9 (15) Where the application is for a special permit by a  
10 manufacturer of beer for an event not open to the general public to  
11 be held or conducted at a specific place upon a specific date for the  
12 purpose of tasting and selling beer of its own production. The  
13 brewery or microbrewery must obtain a permit for a fee of \$10 per  
14 event. An application for the permit must be submitted at least 10  
15 days before the event and, once issued, must be posted in a  
16 conspicuous place at the premises for which the permit was issued  
17 during all times the permit is in use. No more than 12 events per  
18 year may be held by a single manufacturer under this subsection;

19 (16) Where the application is for a special permit by an  
20 individual or business to sell a private collection of wine or  
21 spirits to an individual or business. The seller must obtain a permit  
22 at least five business days before the sale, for a fee of \$25 per  
23 sale. The seller must provide an inventory of products sold and the  
24 agreed price on a form provided by the board. The seller shall submit  
25 the report and taxes due to the board no later than 20 calendar days  
26 after the sale. A permit may be issued under this section to allow  
27 the sale of a private collection to licensees, but may not be issued  
28 to a licensee to sell to a private individual or business which is  
29 not otherwise authorized under the license held by the seller. If the  
30 liquor is purchased by a licensee, all sales are subject to taxes  
31 assessed as on liquor acquired from any other source. The board may  
32 adopt rules to implement this section;

33 (17)(a) A special permit, where the application is for a special  
34 permit by a nonprofit organization to sell wine through an auction,  
35 not open to the public, to be conducted at a specific place, upon a  
36 specific date, and to allow wine tastings at the auction of the wine  
37 to be auctioned.

38 (b) A permit holder under this subsection (17) may at the  
39 specified event:

40 (i) Sell wine by auction for off-premises consumption; and

1 (ii) Allow tastings of samples of the wine to be auctioned at the  
2 event.

3 (c) An application is required for a permit under this subsection  
4 (17). The application must be submitted prior to the event and once  
5 issued must be posted in a conspicuous place at the premises for  
6 which the permit was issued during all times the permit is in use.

7 (d) Wine from more than one winery may be sold at the auction;  
8 however, each winery selling wine at the auction must be listed on  
9 the permit application. Only a single application form may be  
10 required for each auction, regardless of the number of wineries that  
11 are selling wine at the auction. The total fee per event for a permit  
12 issued under this subsection (17) is \$25 multiplied by the number of  
13 wineries that are selling wine at the auction.

14 (e) For the purposes of this subsection (17), "nonprofit  
15 organization" means an entity incorporated as a nonprofit  
16 organization under Washington state law.

17 (f) The board may adopt rules to implement this section; and

18 (18) An annual special permit to allow a short-term rental  
19 operator to provide one complimentary bottle of wine to rental guests  
20 who are age 21 or over. The annual special permit fee is \$75. A  
21 single permit applies to all rental properties owned or operated by  
22 the short-term rental operator and identified in the permit  
23 application. One complimentary bottle of wine per booking may be  
24 provided, regardless of the total number of rental guests. The  
25 provision of the complimentary bottle of wine may occur only after an  
26 operator or staff person of the short-term rental, who is present at  
27 the short-term rental property, verifies that each rental guest who  
28 will consume the complimentary bottle of wine is age 21 or over by  
29 checking a valid form of identification of each such rental guest at  
30 the time rental guests arrive. The rental guests must be informed the  
31 rental guests are being offered one complimentary bottle of wine and  
32 that opening or consuming the bottle of wine in a public place is  
33 illegal pursuant to RCW 66.44.100. The rental guests must not have  
34 notified the operator that the rental guests decline the  
35 complimentary bottle of wine. The complimentary bottle of wine may be  
36 consumed on the premises of the rental property or removed and  
37 consumed off the premises of the rental property. A permit holder may  
38 purchase wine from wine distributors in accordance with RCW  
39 66.24.200, and from retailers and other suppliers of wine authorized  
40 under this title to sell wine at retail to consumers for off-premises

1 consumption. For purposes of this subsection, the terms "short-term  
2 rental," "operator," and "guest" have the same meanings as in RCW  
3 64.37.010.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 66.28  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) There is a special permit to be designated as a banquet  
7 permit to be issued to a not-for-profit society or charitable  
8 organization, which has annual gross income of less than \$250,000, to  
9 provide free of charge, spirits, beer, and wine by the individual  
10 serving for on-premises consumption at a specified date and place.

11 (2) The banquet permit is available for an unlimited number of  
12 the organization's business or social events that are held solely for  
13 the organization's members and guests. The events may not be open to  
14 the general public.

15 (3) Liquor served at the event may be:

16 (a) Provided by individuals attending the event for their own  
17 consumption or with the intent to share, at no cost, with other  
18 attendees;

19 (b) Included in the total price for an event when participants  
20 receive an equal share by distribution of exchangeable tickets as  
21 part of the package;

22 (c) Donated to the organization by any person, industry member,  
23 or entity so long as the donor or the organization pays any fees  
24 established by RCW 66.24.630(4), taxes imposed on a retail sale under  
25 RCW 82.08.150, or other sales taxes that would be paid, if the sale  
26 were made to a consumer; or

27 (d) Purchased by the event organizers at an authorized retail  
28 source.

29 (4) The organization may accept cash donations at an event so  
30 long as there is no expectation or implied obligation to give a  
31 donation in exchange for a beverage containing liquor.

32 (5) The fee for the banquet permit is \$10 per day.

33 (6) For events occurring under this section, the board must  
34 provide for an online permit to be issued on the day the event  
35 occurs.

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