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1 AN ACT Relating to events conducted by liquor manufacturers and  
2 retailers; and amending RCW 66.20.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.20.010 and 2024 c 91 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

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

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

20 (2) Where the application is for a special permit by a person  
21 engaged within the state in mechanical or manufacturing business or

1 in scientific pursuits requiring alcohol for use therein, or by any  
2 private individual, a special permit to purchase alcohol for the  
3 purpose named in the permit, except that the governor may waive the  
4 requirement for a special liquor purchase permit under this  
5 subsection pursuant to an order issued under RCW 43.06.220(2);

6 (3) Where the application is for a special permit to consume  
7 liquor at a banquet, at a specified date and place, a special permit  
8 to purchase liquor for consumption at such banquet, to such  
9 applicants as may be fixed by the board;

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

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

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

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

29 (8) Where the application is for a special permit by a vendor  
30 that manufactures or sells a product which cannot be effectively  
31 presented to potential buyers without serving it with liquor or by a  
32 manufacturer, importer, or distributor, or representative thereof, to  
33 serve liquor without charge to delegates and guests at a convention  
34 of a trade association composed of licensees of the board, when the  
35 said liquor is served in a hospitality room or from a booth in a  
36 board-approved suppliers' display room at the convention, and when  
37 the liquor so served is for consumption in the said hospitality room  
38 or display room during the convention, anything in this title to the  
39 contrary notwithstanding. Any such spirituous liquor must be  
40 purchased from a spirits retailer or distributor, and any such liquor

1 is subject to the taxes imposed by RCW 82.08.150, 66.24.290, and  
2 66.24.210;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 (14) Where the application is for a special permit by a  
35 manufacturer of wine for an event not open to the general public to  
36 be held or conducted at a specific place upon a specific date for the  
37 purpose of tasting and selling wine of its own production. The winery  
38 must obtain a permit for a fee of \$10 per event. An application for  
39 the permit must be submitted at least (~~ten~~) 10 days before the  
40 event and once issued, must be posted in a conspicuous place at the

1 premises for which the permit was issued during all times the permit  
2 is in use. No more than 12 events per year may be held by a single  
3 manufacturer under this subsection;

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

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

28 (17)(a) A special permit, where the application is for a special  
29 permit by a nonprofit organization to sell wine through an auction,  
30 not open to the public, to be conducted at a specific place, upon a  
31 specific date, and to allow wine tastings at the auction of the wine  
32 to be auctioned.

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

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

36 (ii) Allow tastings of samples of the wine to be auctioned at the  
37 event.

38 (c) An application is required for a permit under this subsection  
39 (17). The application must be submitted prior to the event and once

1 issued must be posted in a conspicuous place at the premises for  
2 which the permit was issued during all times the permit is in use.

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

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

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

14 (18) An annual special permit to allow a short-term rental  
15 operator to provide one complimentary bottle of wine to rental guests  
16 who are age 21 or over. The annual special permit fee is \$75. A  
17 single permit applies to all rental properties owned or operated by  
18 the short-term rental operator and identified in the permit  
19 application. One complimentary bottle of wine per booking may be  
20 provided, regardless of the total number of rental guests. The  
21 provision of the complimentary bottle of wine may occur only after an  
22 operator or staff person of the short-term rental, who is present at  
23 the short-term rental property, verifies that each rental guest who  
24 will consume the complimentary bottle of wine is age 21 or over by  
25 checking a valid form of identification of each such rental guest at  
26 the time rental guests arrive. The rental guests must be informed the  
27 rental guests are being offered one complimentary bottle of wine and  
28 that opening or consuming the bottle of wine in a public place is  
29 illegal pursuant to RCW 66.44.100. The rental guests must not have  
30 notified the operator that the rental guests decline the  
31 complimentary bottle of wine. The complimentary bottle of wine may be  
32 consumed on the premises of the rental property or removed and  
33 consumed off the premises of the rental property. A permit holder may  
34 purchase wine from wine distributors in accordance with RCW  
35 66.24.200, and from retailers and other suppliers of wine authorized  
36 under this title to sell wine at retail to consumers for off-premises  
37 consumption. For purposes of this subsection, the terms "short-term  
38 rental," "operator," and "guest" have the same meanings as in RCW  
39 64.37.010; ((and))

1 (19) Where the application is for an emergency liquor permit by a  
2 licensed manufacturer to authorize the sale, service, and consumption  
3 of liquor on the premises of another liquor licensee with retail  
4 sales privileges when an emergency or disaster as defined in RCW  
5 38.52.010 has made the premises of the applicant inaccessible and  
6 unable to operate due to an emergency or road closure, except that  
7 the fee must be waived if there is a proclamation of a state of  
8 emergency issued by the governor or by the city, town, or county  
9 where the applicant is located. The permit shall be valid for 30 days  
10 and may be continually renewed for periods of 30 days if the  
11 emergency or disaster continues. Employees or agents of the emergency  
12 permit holder or the licensed premises may serve liquor provided by  
13 the permit holder. The permit holder may store no more than a 30-day  
14 supply of liquor at the licensed premises in segregated storage. No  
15 more than a total of three emergency permit holders may sell at the  
16 same licensed premises under an emergency permit; and

17 (20)(a) Where the application is for a special permit by a  
18 manufacturer or retailer of beer, wine, or spirits for an event that  
19 may be open to the general public, to be held or conducted at a  
20 specific place upon a specific date or dates, for the purpose of  
21 tasting and selling liquor of the manufacturer's own production or  
22 liquor the retailer is authorized to sell. An application must  
23 demonstrate that the city, town, or county in which the proposed  
24 place is located approves of the event. County approval may be  
25 provided only for a proposed location in unincorporated areas of the  
26 county. An event map and an event operating plan are required with an  
27 application under (b) and (c) of this subsection (20). The  
28 manufacturer or retailer must obtain a permit for a fee of \$10 per  
29 event. An application for the permit must be submitted at least 30  
30 days before the event and, once issued, must be posted in a  
31 conspicuous place at the premises for which the permit was issued  
32 during all times the permit is in use. No more than 12 events per  
33 year may be held by a single manufacturer or retailer under this  
34 subsection. A single event may last up to three consecutive days.  
35 Mandatory alcohol server training is required for all staff.

36 (b) An event map must include information required by the board  
37 including, but not limited to, the boundaries, public entrances and  
38 cross streets, alcohol service areas, seating areas, food service  
39 areas if applicable, and security checkpoints.

1       (c) An event operating plan must include at a minimum the  
2 following components:  
3       (i) How the applicant will prevent the sale and service of  
4 alcohol to persons under 21 years of age and those who appear to be  
5 intoxicated;  
6       (ii) The ratio of alcohol service staff and security staff to the  
7 anticipated number of attendees, subject to a ratio requirement to be  
8 established by the board;  
9       (iii) Training provided to staff who serve, regulate, or  
10 supervise the service of alcohol;  
11       (iv) The facility's policy on the number of alcoholic beverages  
12 that will be served to an individual patron during one transaction,  
13 subject to a transaction limit to be established by the board in  
14 rule; and  
15       (v) Other standards established by the board in rule.

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