



**Bill Title:** Regarding Alcoholic Beverage Regulation (Omnibus Bill)  
**Bill Number:** SSB 6770  
**Effective Date:** June 12, 2008  
**Amends:** Multiple RCWs - Title 66

**Background:**

This omnibus bill has several components outlined below.

**Bonded Wine Warehouse – Amends RCW 66.24.185.**

Allows a bonded wine warehouse to handle bottled wine for the following reasons:

- Packaging and repackaging services
- Bottle labeling services
- Creating gift baskets or variety packs that may or may not include non-wine products
- Picking, packing, and shipping wine orders directly to consumers

**Domestic Winery Additional Location – Amends RCW 66.24.170.**

Allows wineries to sell wine of their own production at retail for on- or off-premises consumption. Employees serving on-premises wine must have a MAST permit.

**Domestic Brewery and Microbrewery – Amends RCW 66.24.240 and RCW 66.24.244.**

A domestic brewery or microbrewery licensee may hold up to two retail liquor licenses operated on or off the premises of the brewery or microbrewery. The retail licenses can be a tavern, beer and/or wine restaurant (BWR), or a spirits/beer/wine restaurant (SBWR). This bill also allows a microbrewery to contract produce for another brewery.

**Spirits/Beer/Wine Restaurant – Amends RCW 66.24.400.**

Allows an SBWR licensee to sell bottled wine at the restaurant to customers for off-premises consumption.

**Tied House Exception – Amends RCW 66.28.040.**

Allows domestic breweries and wineries to furnish beer and wine without charge to 501(c) (6) non-profit corporations or associations.

## **Implementation (individually):**

### **Bonded Wine Warehouse:**

Effective June 12, 2008, bonded wine warehouses are allowed to handle bottled wine for wineries. There is no approval process for bonded wine warehouses to handle bottled wine. A winery contracting with the bonded wine warehouse for handling bottled wine must comply with all applicable state and federal laws and shall be responsible for financial transactions in direct to consumer shipping activities.

### **Domestic Winery additional locations:**

Effective June 12, 2008, domestic winery additional locations are allowed to sell wine for on-premises consumption. There is no approval process. The licensee is responsible that employees serving on-premises wine obtain MAST permits.

### **Domestic Brewery and Microbrewery:**

If a domestic brewery or microbrewery licensee wants to apply for a retail liquor license, they must:

Complete a Master Business Application and Liquor Control Board Addendum. Information can be found on the WSLCB Web site:

When License Division receives the application:

- A liquor license investigator will be assigned to the application
- The investigator will contact the applicant to conduct an interview and send the applicant a request for documents needed to process the application (the applicant has 15 days to return documents)
- A notice will be sent to the local authority for comment (the authority has a 20-day period to respond)
- A public posting notice will be sent to the local liquor enforcement office to be posted at the retail premises (must be posted for 14 days)
- When all documents are received and the investigation is complete, the applicant will receive a letter from Licensing Division with either a conditional approval or full approval of the liquor license
- When the license is approved, the licensee should receive a Master License from Master License Service within 14 days.

There is no approval process for a microbrewery to contract-produce for another brewery.

**Spirits/Beer/Wine Restaurant:**

For Spirits/Beer/Wine Restaurant liquor licensees who want the off-premises sale wine endorsement, they must:

- Complete and submit an Application for Added Endorsement form (LIQ 756-50), to the Liquor Control Board, License Division. A \$120 fee must be included with the application.
- License division staff will send out a local authority notice and public posting notice. The local authority has 20 days to respond and the public posting notice is posted for 14 days.
- After the 20 days have passed for local authority comment, no local objections have been submitted, and the 14-day posting period has passed, the endorsement will be approved.
- License division staff will send a letter to the licensee approving the “Off-Premises Sale Wine” endorsement. The licensee should receive a new Master License from Master License Service within 14 days.

**Tied House Exception:**

Effective June 12, 2008, domestic breweries and wineries can furnish beer and wine without charge to 501(c) (6) non-profit corporations or associations. There is no approval process to furnish to the non-profits.

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