



Bill Title: Retail Liquor Licenses Omnibus Legislation – Fact Sheet 5 of 6
Issue: Definition of Society or Organization
Bill Number: E2SSB 5859
Amends RCW 66.24.375 (1)

Background:

Part of the retail liquor licenses omnibus bill. Broadens the definition of a society or organization and creates an exception to the Tied-House law that allows an organization of wine manufacturers to hold a retail liquor license. This change takes effect July 22, 2007.

RCW 66.24.375 (1) has been amended to read:

“Society or organization” as used in RCW 66.24.380 means a not-for-profit group organized and operated (1) solely for charitable, religious, social, political, educational, civic, fraternal, athletic, or benevolent purposes, or (2) as a local wine industry association registered under section 501 (c) (6) of the internal revenue code as it exists on the effective date of this section.

Implementation:

This change allows a local wine industry association that meets the above criteria to obtain a “Special Occasion” license for an event.

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