



Bill Title: Assisting small businesses licensed to sell liquor in Washington State.

Bill Number: HB 2831

Effective Date: 6/9/2016

Amends: Adds a new section to RCW 66.24, Amends RCW 66.28.340

Summary:

Assists former and state and contract liquor stores, to help them compete with other retailers:

- The bill creates a “wine retailer reseller endorsement” that existing beer and wine specialty shops can obtain allowing them to sell wine at retail in original containers to other retailers for on-premise consumption (typically restaurants and bars).
- The bill also allows multiple wine and spirits licensees to jointly operate a warehouse facility for receipt and distribution of both wine and spirits for off-premise consumption.
- This space may be used to jointly negotiate a volume discount amongst the wine and spirits retailers participating in the shared warehouse facility or shared space within a retail location.

How to apply for the wine retailer reseller endorsement:

The WSLCB will develop the rules according to HB 2831 to implement the endorsement. Once completed, the application will be found on the WSLCB website at: lcb.wa.gov. Please complete and submit an application for the endorsement to the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board, Licensing Division. Each endorsement costs \$117 until 2017 when it will decrease to \$110.

When the WSLCB Licensing Division receives the application:

- A Customer Service Specialist will be assigned to the application.
- Licensing staff will notify the licensee if any further documents are needed to process the request.
- Licensing staff will send a letter to the licensee approving the endorsement.

Contact Information:

For specific questions, please contact Customer Service at 360-664-1600 or lcb.wa.gov.