
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5751

State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Newhouse, Smith, Deccio, Owen and Winsley)

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1 AN ACT Relating to alcoholic beverages; adding a new section to
2 chapter 66.44 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 66.44 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) No person apparently under the influence of liquor may purchase
7 or consume liquor on any premises licensed by the board.

8 (2) A person's intoxication may not be used as a defense in a
9 prosecution under this section.

10 (3) As used in this section, "apparently under the influence" means
11 the person has liquor on his or her breath and has impaired motor
12 skills used for body control such as walking, standing, and balance.
13 The officer may also consider other factors including, but not limited
14 to: Slurred speech, glassy eyes, and poor hand-eye coordination.

15 (4) A violation of this section is a civil infraction punishable by
16 a fine of not less than one hundred dollars and not more than two
17 hundred dollars.

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