

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6412

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Labor, Commerce, Research & Development, January 17, 2008

Title: An act relating to identification cards for purchasing liquor.

Brief Description: Allowing permanent resident cards to be used when purchasing liquor.

Sponsors: Senators Kohl-Welles, Keiser, Murray, Prentice, Parlette, King and Honeyford.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Labor, Commerce, Research & Development:1/17/08 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Kohl-Welles, Chair; Keiser, Vice Chair; Holmquist, Ranking Minority Member; Franklin, Hewitt, King, Murray and Prentice.

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Background: To verify age, a purchaser of liquor may present any of the following documents that show the purchaser's age and bears the purchaser's signature and photograph:

- driver's license, instruction permit, or identification card from a state or Canada;
- Washington state "identocard" from the Department of Licensing;
- U.S. military identification;
- passport;
- U.S. merchant marine identification; or
- enrollment cards from federally recognized Indian tribes in Washington.

Summary of Bill: To verify a purchaser's age, a tobacco or liquor retailer may accept U.S. permanent resident cards, also known as green cards.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This is a straight forward bill. The provision to allow purchasers to use green cards should have been added earlier.

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Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Kohl-Wells, prime sponsor.