



Washington State Liquor Control Board

Washington Tied House laws permit and prohibit certain practices between suppliers and retailers. A manufacturer, distributor, importer or licensed agent is defined as a supplier.

Permitted Practices - Suppliers

- Build, rotate, and restock displays, using filled cases, filled bottles or filled cans of their own brands only, from stock or inventory owned by the retailer.
- Rotate, rearrange or replenish bottles or cans of their own brands on shelves or in the refrigerators as long as those displays do not cover up, hide or reduce the space of other products offered by other suppliers.
- Move or handle products of any other supplier on the premises of any retail licensee if reasonable notice (24 hours) is given to all concerned and such activity occurs during normal business hours or at mutually agreed on times.
- Provide price cards and price goods of their own brands.
- Replace outdated can and bottled beer with identical like product.
- Provide point-of-sale advertising material and brand signs.

Prohibited Practices - Suppliers

Washington law (RCW 66.28.010) prohibits suppliers from advancing money's worth to retailers. Suppliers may not provide – and retail licensees and their employees may not solicit – any of the following either directly or indirectly:

Gifts.

Discounts.

Loans of money.

Premiums.

Rebates.

Free liquor of any kind.

Treats or services of any nature unless authorized by regulation.

Prohibited Practices - Retailers

Retailers cannot request any of the following from suppliers:

- Free product or cash.
- Free non-alcohol beverage fills
- Free signage/banners in exchange for new alcohol beverage product placement or product displays.
- Pickup of damaged/broken product.
- Pickup/replacement of product damaged by retailer's employee or customer.
- Free re-packing of six-pack holders and plastic hi-cone rings.
- Pickup of products that do not sell.
- Pickup of discontinued products.
- To return later to receive payment for beer or wine.
- Trading out product discontinued by the retailer.
- Repacking of products.
- Cleaning or repair of shelves or coolers.
- Renting or loaning equipment.

Penalties

Penalties for violating these statutory provisions can include:

- A 3-day to a 20-day license suspension.
- A \$250 to \$10,000 monetary penalty.

Questions

If you have questions regarding retail and non-retail relationship Prohibited Practices call your nearest Manufacturers, Importers and Wholesalers (MIW) officer at:

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