Washington State
Liquor Control Board

Liquor Control Board Interim Policy BIP-05-2013

Subject: **Spirits, Beer, and Wine Theater License**

Effective Date: July 28, 2013

Ending Date: Upon adoption of rules to implement this policy.

Approved:

Sharon Foster, Chairman

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Purpose:
ESSB 5607 passed in the 2013 legislative session creating a Spirits/Beer/ Wine Theater license for theaters with no more than 120 seats per screen. If the theater premises are to be frequented by minors, an alcohol control plan must be submitted to the LCB during the application process. There must be tabletop accommodations for in-theater dining and comply with the same meal preparations and service requirements as spirits, beer, and wine restaurant licenses.

Policy Statement:
In order to be issued a Spirits/Beer/Wine Theater license, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- The theater has no more than 120 seats per screen.
- The theater is a place of business where motion pictures or other primarily non-participatory entertainment such as text messaging to movie screen, skits, and comedy shows are shown.
- All servers of spirits, beer and wine are required to attend a mandatory alcohol server training program.
- Penalties are doubled for a violation involving minors or the failure to follow the Alcohol Control Plan Agreement.

- Required to meet the same food service requirements as a Spirits/Beer/Wine Restaurant license under WAC 314-02-035 and must have tabletop accommodations for in theater dining.
- Submit a signed and dated "Alcohol Control Plan Agreement" to the LCB for the entire theater premises, or a room or area therein. The Alcohol Control Plan Agreement will be provided on a form by the board and includes:

    - To ensure that alcoholic beverages are not sold to persons under the age of 21, staff will request identification from any patron who appears to be age 30 or under and who is attempting to purchase an alcoholic beverage.

    - Alcoholic beverages must be served in containers that differ significantly from containers utilized for non-alcoholic beverages.

    - All alcoholic beverages sold under this license must be sold by the individual drink.

    - If staff observes a patron who is in the possession of or who is consuming an alcoholic beverage who appears to be of questionable age, staff will request identification from that patron. If the patron is unable to produce an acceptable form of identification verifying their age the alcohol will be confiscated.

    - Staff will accept only those forms of identification that are acceptable per WAC 314-11-025 to verify a person's age for the purpose of selling, serving, or allowing a person to possess or consume alcohol.

    - All employees involved in the sale, service and/or supervision of alcoholic beverages will be required to attend Mandatory Alcohol Server Training (MAST) obtain the appropriate permit for their level of service.

    - On all portions of the theater premises where alcohol is sold, served or consumed, sufficient lighting will be maintained so that identification may be checked and patrons observed for the enforcement of liquor laws and rules (WAC 314-11-055)..

    - To ensure alcoholic beverages are served in a safe, responsible and controlled manner, sales and service of alcoholic beverages will be limited to two servings per person per transaction.

    - If a patron is accompanied by another patron who wants to pay for both people's drinks, they may do so, provided that both patrons

are of legal age to purchase, and have proper identification, if requested, and are not displaying signs of intoxication.

- Alcohol may only be consumed in approved alcohol consumption areas (theater auditorium, restaurant, lounge, etc).

- Staff will refuse to sell an alcoholic beverage to any person who appears to be intoxicated. Alcoholic beverages will be removed from any person who appears to be intoxicated.

- Orders from patrons seated in theater auditoriums must be made to the waiter or waitress serving that area. The alcoholic beverages must be personally delivered to the patron by the person who took the order.

- This Alcohol Control Plan Agreement will be prominently posted on the licensed premises.