



NOTICE OF RULE MAKING – Pre-proposal #12-24

The Washington State Liquor Control Board has entered into the initial stage of rule making to revise the following rules:

- WAC 314-02-109 What are the quarterly reporting and payment requirements for a spirits retailer license?
- WAC 314-23-022 What if a distributor licensee fails to report or pay, or reports or pays late?
- WAC 314-28-080 What if a distillery or craft distillery licensee fails to report or pay, or reports or pays late?

Initiative II83 directed spirits retail licensees to pay to the board 17% of their total spirits revenues on a quarterly basis. I-1183 also directed spirits distributors to pay to the board 10% of their total spirits sales for the first two years and 5% each year thereafter. Distillers and craft distillers acting as a distributor of their own spirits products are required to pay the same license fees as the spirits distributors. The board adopted these rules in June, 2012. Language needs to be added to these rules to allow the board to suspend or revoke the license of a licensee that fails to report and/or pay these fees.

This notice can be found at <http://www.liq.wa.gov/laws.asp> under Proposed Rules.

The Liquor Control Board encourages you to give input on the rules. Following the comment period, the agency will send out and publish proposed rules, establish a comment period on the proposed rules, and hold at least one public hearing before rules are adopted.

Public Comment

Please forward your initial comments to the Liquor Control Board by mail, e-mail, or fax by **January 15, 2013**

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