



**Bill Title: Modifying craft distillery provisions**

**Bill Number: SSB 6485**

**Effective Date: June 10, 2010**

**Amends: RCW 66.24.140, RCW 66.24.145, RCW 66.28.310, and RCW 66.24.520**

**Background**

In 2008, the Legislature enacted SHB 2959, creating a craft distillery license.

Requirements for the craft distillery license are as follows:

- Annual license fee is \$100 (compared to \$2,000 for a distillery license);
- Produce 20,000 gallons or less of spirits;
- At least half of the raw materials used in production must be grown in Washington;
- Sell spirits of its own production for off-premises consumption – limit two liters per day per person;
- Samples – maximum of two ounces per person per day free of charge at the distillery;
- Spirits used for samples and off-premises sales must be purchased from the Liquor Control Board; and
- Required Mandatory Alcohol Server Training (MAST) for any person involved in the service of samples.

**Summary**

The 2010 changes found in SSB 6485 are as follows:

- Increases the amount of spirits a craft distillery can produce from 20,000 gallons to 60,000 gallons;
- Allows a craft distillery to contract distilled spirits for, and sell contract distilled spirits to, holders of distillery licenses, manufacturer's licenses, and grower's licenses under RCW 66.24.520;
- The holder of a grower's license may contract for the manufacturing of spirits from grower's own agricultural products and sell the spirits in bulk to a licensed winery, distillery, or export them out-of-state; and
- Domestic distillers, or an accredited representative of a distiller, may pour or dispense spirits for a special occasion license.

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