



Bill Title: Spirits Distributors Selling Spirits to Employees

Bill Number: SSB 5537

Effective Date: July 23, 2017

New Section: RCW 66.28

Summary:

Licensed spirits distributors may sell spirits directly to full-time employees of the spirits distributor if the spirits cannot reasonably be sold in the normal course of business, such as damage to the label on individual bottles. These sales are subject to the following requirements:

- The spirits may not be sold for less than the licensed spirits distributor's cost of acquisition;
- The sale is subject to the same taxes a consumer would pay at a retail sale;
- The spirits may only be sold to a person who has been employed by the spirits distributor for at least 90 days and who is 21 years of age or older; and
- The person purchasing the spirits must use the spirits for personal use and may not sell any of the purchased spirits by the drink or other wise to a third person.

Contact Information:

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