



## Washington State Liquor Control Board

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October 24, 2012

Dear Spirits Retailers,

I am writing to help clarify an issue surrounding the spirits fees that are due October 25, 2012.

The Washington State Liquor Control Board (WSLCB) decided last week that it will not assess penalties on late reporting and fee payments. However, this is not reporting and fee amnesty. **Retailers are still required to report and pay fees no later than October 25, 2012.** The WSLCB cannot waive or extend the legally mandated Spirits Retailer reporting and payment dates. Failure to file by the deadline may lead to the suspension of your license.

The WSLCB chose to waive penalties for late payment on the October 25, deadline for two reasons:

1. Many Spirits Retailers are paying fees for the very first time. We are applying the only latitude available to us so that we don't penalize emerging businesses in a new market.
2. The October 25 fee payment deadline is the first time that we will be offering online spirits fee payments. We wanted to ensure that our systems were also ready.

Again, the WSLCB cannot waive or extend the Spirits Retailer reporting any payment dates. Reports and fees are due October 25.

I hope this clarifies. If you have additional questions, please direct them to [spiritfees@liq.wa.gov](mailto:spiritfees@liq.wa.gov) or call 1-360-664-1721.

Thank You,

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