



**Bill Title:** Creating a special permit by a manufacturer of beer to hold a private event for the purpose of tasting and selling beer of its own production.

**Bill Number:** HB 2605

**Effective Date:** 6/9/2016

**Amends:** RCW 66.20.010

**Summary:**

Allows Washington breweries to obtain a private tasting event privilege, like the one for wineries and distilleries, allowing private tasting and sales events involving beer of their own production.

- Enables breweries to hold up to 12 tasting parties at private events annually, allowing them the same privilege as Washington wineries and distilleries.
- Creates a special permit for a manufacturer of beer for an event not open to the general public to be held at a specific place upon a specific date for the purpose of tasting and selling beer of its own production. The permit costs \$10 and must be displayed during the event.

**How to apply for a private tasting/sales event permit:**

The WSLCB will develop the rules to implement the new permit. Once completed, the application will be found on the WSLCB website at: [lcb.wa.gov](http://lcb.wa.gov).

- Complete and submit an application for the permit to the Washington State Liquor Control Board, License Division. Each permit costs \$11 until 2017 when it will decrease to \$10.
- Licensing staff will notify the licensee if any further documents are needed to process the request.
- Licensing staff will send a letter to the licensee approving the permit.

**Contact Information:**

For specific questions, please contact Customer Service at 360-664-1600 or [lcb.wa.gov](http://lcb.wa.gov).