



**Bill Title:** Craft Distilleries License  
**Bill Number:** SHB 2959  
**Effective Date:** June 12, 2008  
**Amends:** RCW 66.24.140, New Section added to RCW 66.24

**Background:**

This bill creates a craft distillery license with the following requirements and privileges:

- Annual license fee is \$100 (compared to \$2000 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
- Requires Mandatory Alcohol Server Training and MAST permit for any person who is involved in the service of samples

**Implementation:**

**To apply for a Craft Distillery liquor license:**

Complete a Master Business License application and Liquor Control Board Addendum. Information and applications are available on the WSLCB Web site ([www.liq.wa.gov](http://www.liq.wa.gov)):

- Licenses and Permits
- Licenses and Permits Forms Page
- IN-STATE ONLY
- Master Application Packet Page – Non Retail
- Master Application Packet for NON RETAIL License – start with number 1, Master Application

**When License Division receives the application:**

- A liquor license investigator will be assigned to the application
- The investigator will contact the applicant to conduct an interview and send the applicant a request for documents needed to process the application (the applicant has 15 days to return documents)
- A notice will be sent to the local authority for comment (20 day period)
- A public posting notice will be sent to the local liquor enforcement office to be posted at the craft distillery premises (must be posted for 14 days)
- When all documents are received and the investigation is complete the applicant will receive a letter from License division with either a conditional approval or approval of the liquor license
- When the license is approved the licensee should receive a Master License from Master License Service within 14 days.

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