



**Bill Title: Wine/Beer at Art Galleries and Wedding Boutiques**

**Bill Number: ESSB 5110**

**Effective Date: July 26, 2009**

**Creates a new section in RCW 66.12 (Exceptions)**

**Background:**

An entity serving alcohol for on-premises consumption must obtain the appropriate license from the Washington State Liquor Control Board (WSLCB). There are specific exemptions allowing an entity to serve alcohol without charge and without a license or permit from the WSLCB.

**Summary:**

Wedding boutiques and art galleries may offer one glass of wine or beer without charge to customers at least 21 years of age for on-premises consumption.

- Wine or beer must be purchased from a licensed retailer at full retail price.
- Wedding boutiques and art galleries cannot advertise the service of complimentary wine or beer.
- Employees involved in the service of wine or beer must complete an approved limited alcohol server training program.

“Art gallery” means a room or building devoted to the exhibition and/or sale of works of art.

“Wedding boutique” means a business primarily engaged in the sale of wedding merchandise.

For information on the limited alcohol server training program:

- Go to [www.liq.wa.gov](http://www.liq.wa.gov)
- Select Enforcement Information
- Select Responsible liquor and tobacco sales class schedule
- Click on the “View Details” link for the enforcement office of your choice. The class schedule is shown for that particular enforcement office.