



Bill Title: Manufactured Beer and Wine
Bill Number: SB 5060
Effective Date: July 26, 2009
Amends RCW 66.12.010 and RCW 66.28.140

Background:

Beer and wine made in the home is generally exempt from regulation under the state liquor laws, provided the beer or wine is consumed in the home and not sold. State law does allow an adult to remove up to one gallon of homemade beer or wine from the home for exhibition or use at an organized beer or wine tasting or competition. Homemade beer or wine removed from the home cannot be sold or used by any person other than the producer and event judges.

Summary:

A license is not required to produce beer or wine manufactured in any home for private consumption, and not for sale. This legislation modifies the provisions relating to the use of beer or wine manufactured in the home.

- Homemade beer and wine is not required to be consumed in the home where it was produced.
- Homemade beer and wine may be removed from the home for private consumption.
- The amount of homemade beer or wine an adult may remove from the home is changed from one gallon to 20 gallons.
- Use of homemade beer and wine at organized affairs, exhibitions, or competitions is considered private consumption.