



Bill Title: Wine Sales at Legislative Gift Center
Bill Number: SHB 1415
Effective Date: July 26, 2009
Creates a new section in RCW 66.12 (Exceptions)

Background:

The Legislative Gift Center was created in 2007 and is authorized to sell Washington products, souvenirs, and items bearing the state seal.

Summary:

The production of wine grapes is an important segment of Washington agriculture. The promotion and sale of Washington wine at the Legislative Gift Center is harmonious with the purpose of the gift center.

The gift center:

- may sell wine produced in Washington by a licensed winery for off-premises consumption;
- may only sell wine to persons 21 years of age or older for personal use;
- must purchase the wine from a licensed wine distributor or manufacturer; and
- must collect and remit applicable taxes to the Department of Revenue.

The gift center is directed to consult with the Washington Wine Commission to select award-winning Washington wines to sell at the center.