



**Bill Title:** Liquor Caterer's License  
**Bill Number:** ESHB 2680  
**Effective Date:** June 12, 2014  
**Amends:** RCW 66.20.300; 66.20.310; and 66.44.350.  
Creates a new section in RCW 66.24.

**Summary:**

This bill creates a caterer's license:

- Allows the caterer to sell spirits, beer and wine by the individual serving at retail value at a catered event location. The location must be owned, leased or operated by the caterer or the sponsor of the event for which catering services are being provided.
- The annual fee is \$200 for a beer license, \$200 for a wine license or \$400 for a combination beer and wine license. The annual fee for a combined beer, wine, and spirits license is \$1,000.
- Requires that the holder of this license notify the LCB or its designee of the date, time, place and location of any catered event at which liquor will be served.
- Authorizes employees of a business holding a catering license, and who are at least 18 years of age, to take orders for, serve, and sell liquor in any part of the licensed premises. Those servers are not allowed in areas that are classified as off-limits to persons under 21 years of age (e.g., cocktail lounges, bars, etc.).
- The licensee is prohibited from catering events at locations that are already licensed to sell liquor under chapter 66.24 RCW.
- If the event is open to the public, it must be sponsored by a society or organization as defined in RCW 66.24.375.

**How to Apply:**

Complete a Master Business Application and Liquor Control Board Addendum. Information can be found on the WSLCB website at [www.liq.wa.gov](http://www.liq.wa.gov).

When the WSLCB Licensing Division receives the application:

- A liquor license investigator will be assigned to the application.
- A notice will be sent to the local authority for comment (20 day period).
- A public posting notice will be sent to the applicant to be posted at the retail premises (must be posted for 14 days).
- 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). The applicant will also be directed to complete a Licensee Briefing and schedule a final inspection of the premises.

- When all documents are received, the licensee briefing is complete, the final inspection is complete, and the investigation is complete, the applicant will receive a letter from the WSLCB Licensing 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.

**Contact Information**

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