



**Bill Title:** Combination Spirits, Beer and Wine Off-Premises Retail License

**Bill Number:** E2SHB 1351

**Effective Date:** July 23, 2017

**New Section:** RCW 66.24

**Summary:**

Creates a combination spirits, beer, and wine (combination license) authorizing the sale of spirits, beer, and wine at retail for off-premises consumption.

- The holder of the combination licensee may sell spirits at retail without obtaining a separate spirits retail license.
- The holder of the combination license is eligible for the same liquor license endorsements available to grocery store and beer and/or wine specialty shop licenses.
- Current grocery store licensees may apply for a combination license to allow the sale of spirits provided that the requirements for the license are met.
- Current beer and/or specialty shop licensees may apply for a combination license to allow the sale of spirits provided that the requirements for the license are met.
- Allows a former contract liquor store holder or the holder of a former state liquor store operating rights sold at auction may be eligible for the combination license;
  - Exempts former contract liquor stores and holders of former state liquor store operating rights from the 17 percent license issuance fee for a combination license.

**How to Apply for a License:**

Complete a Business Application and Retail Liquor Control Board Addendum.

Information can be found on the WSLCB website at <http://lcb.wa.gov/licensing/apply-liquor-license>.

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 the 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.
- When all documents are received, the licensee briefing is complete and the investigation is done and approved, the applicant will receive a letter from the WSLCB Licensing Division with approval of the liquor license.

**Contact Information**

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