



**Bill Title:** Alcohol Manufacturers--Food Storage Warehouse License

**Bill Number:** HB 2699

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**Amends:** RCW 69.10.020

### **Background**

Under RCW 69.10.015, operators of food storage warehouses are required to obtain a permit from the Washington State Department of Agriculture. "Food" is defined broadly and includes alcoholic beverages.

### **Summary**

- Removes the requirement for certain food storage warehouse operators to obtain a permit from the Department of Agriculture.
- In order to qualify for this exemption from the license requirement, the food storage warehouse must meet each of the following conditions:
  - The warehouse is used to store alcoholic beverages;
  - The warehouse is not used to store any food other than alcoholic beverages; and
  - The alcohol stored at the warehouse is manufactured or distributed under a license issued by the WSLCB under Chapter 66.24 RCW

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