

Liquor Control Board Interim Policy BIP-08-2014

Subject:

Wine and Cider Growlers

Effective Date:

June 12, 2014

Ending Date:

Upon adoption of rules to implement this policy.

Approved:

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Purpose:

SSB 1742 allowing additional location wineries to sell wine growlers and SSB 6442 allowing licensees that sell beer growlers to sell cider growlers passed in the 2014 legislative session. An interim policy is required until permanent rules are adopted by the board.

Policy Statement for Wine Growlers:

(1) A licensee holding a domestic winery license under RCW 66.24.170 may apply for two additional location licenses.

Wine-related retail activities allowed at an additional location include:
Selling for off-premises consumption wine of its own production in kegs or
sanitary containers brought to the premises by the purchaser or furnished by the

licensee. Containers must be filled at the tap at the time of sale. The licensee

must meet all federal requirements.

Policy Statement for Cider Growlers:

(1) A brewery-operated or microbrewery-operated spirits, beer, and wine restaurant may sell containers of beer of its own production and cider as defined in RCW 66.24.210(6) without a kegs-to-go endorsement provided that it sells this

beer and cider for off-premises consumption only. A brewery or microbrewery may supply the container or use a container brought to the premises by a customer, and filled at the tap at the time of sale. The licensee must comply with federal regulations.

- (2) A tavern or beer and/or wine restaurant that is operated by a brewery or microbrewery and has an off-premises beer and wine retailer's privilege may sell containers of cider as defined in RCW 66.24.210(6) for off-premises consumption in a sanitary container brought to the premises by the customer or provided by the licensee and filled at the tap at the time of sale, provided the licensee has a license to sell wine. The licensee must comply with federal regulations.
- (3) A spirits, beer, and wine restaurant licensee with a "kegs to go" endorsement may sell cider as defined in RCW 66.24.210 (6) to a purchaser in a sanitary container brought to the premises by the purchaser or furnished by the licensee and filled at the tap by the retailer at the time of sale. The licensee must comply with all federal regulations.
- (4) A hotel licensee may sell cider as defined in RCW 66.24.210 (6) to a purchaser in a sanitary container brought to the premises by the purchaser or furnished by the licensee and filled at the tap in the restaurant area by the licensee at the time of sale. The licensee must comply with all federal regulations.
- (5) A beer and wine restaurant licensee with an off-premises endorsement may sell cider as defined in RCW 66.24.210 (6) to a purchaser in a sanitary container brought to the premises by the purchaser or furnished by the licensee and filled at the tap in the restaurant area by the licensee at the time of sale. The licensee must comply with all federal regulations.
- (6) A beer and wine tavern licensee with an off-premises endorsement may sell cider as defined in RCW 66.24.210 (6) to a purchaser in a sanitary container brought to the premises by the purchaser or furnished by the licensee and filled

at the tap in the restaurant area by the licensee at the time of sale. The licensee must comply with all federal regulations.

- (7) A beer and wine specialty store with an endorsement to sell growlers may sell cider as <u>defined in RCW 66.24.210(6)</u> to a purchaser in a sanitary container brought to the premises by the purchaser, or provided by the licensee or manufacturer, and filled at the tap by the licensee at the time of sale under the following conditions:
- (a) The beer and/or wine specialty store sales of alcohol must exceed fifty percent of their total sales;
- (b) The board may waive the fifty percent beer and/or wine sale criteria if the beer and/or wine specialty store maintains a wholesale alcohol inventory that exceeds fifteen thousand dollars; and
 - (c) The licensee must comply with federal regulations.