



Notice of Permanent Rules

WAC 314-02-015 What is a spirits, beer, and wine restaurant license?

WAC 314-02-045 What is a beer and/or wine restaurant license?

WAC 314-30-010 Sales and contracting by manufacturers.

This explanatory statement concerns the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board's (WSLCB) adoption of rules. The adopted rules implement legislation that passed during the 2019 legislative session.

Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1034 created an endorsement that allows spirits, beer, and wine restaurants to serve bottles of soju for on-premises consumption to tables of two or more patrons. The new law also allows restaurants to recap soju bottles and for patrons to remove recapped soju bottles from the premises. WAC 314-02-015 was revised to allow service of soju by the bottle.

- SHB 1034 also required the board to develop a responsible sale and service of soju training curriculum for individuals serving soju. The curriculum was developed by our licensing division and is available on the WSLCB website. The training curriculum and information related to the soju endorsement are also on the WSLCB website in the Korean language.

House Bill 1672 allows spirits, beer, and wine restaurants and beer and wine restaurants to recap sake purchased for consumption with a meal. The new law also allows patrons to remove recapped sake from the premises. WAC 314-02-015 and WAC 314-02-045 were revised to allow recapping and removal of sake.

Senate Bill 5909 allows manufacturers licensed under RCW 66.24.150 to contract with distilleries, breweries, and wineries to provide packaging services. WAC 314-30-010 was revised to include packaging and add a reference to the packaging provisions outlined in statute.

Additional technical and clarifying changes were made to all revised sections of WAC, and unnecessary language in WAC 314-30-010 was removed.

The adopted rules will be effective March 7, 2020.

The Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05.325(6)) requires agencies to prepare a concise explanatory statement before filing adopted rules with the Office of the Code

Reviser. This statement must be provided to anyone who gave comment about the proposed rulemaking.

The WSLCB appreciates stakeholder involvement in the rulemaking process. For questions about the adopted rules, please contact Janette Benham, Policy and Rules Coordinator, at (360) 664-1760 or e-mail at rules@lcb.wa.gov.

Background and reasons for adopting these rules

Rulemaking was initiated to implement legislation that passed during the 2019 legislative session.

Summary of all public comments received on this rule proposal

CR 101 – filed May 29, 2019
CR 102 – filed December 18, 2019
Public Hearing – January 22, 2020

No written comments were received regarding the proposed rules.

No one testified at the January 22, 2020 public hearing.

WAC Changes – see attachment

Amended:

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