



CR 101 Memorandum

Implementation of House Bill (HB) 2204 (chapter 91, Laws of 2024) on Emergency Liquor Permits

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Background

During the 2024 legislative session, the Washington State Legislature passed [House Bill \(HB\) 2204 \(chapter 91, Laws of 2024\)](#), codified at [RCW 66.20.010\(19\)](#), authorizing the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) to issue emergency liquor permits to existing licensed manufacturers for the sale, service, and consumption of liquor on the premises of another liquor license, when an emergency or disaster has made the premises of the applicant inaccessible and unable to operate due to an emergency or road closures.

Definitions and other conditions are identified in [RCW 66.20.010\(19\)](#), some of which will need to be further elaborated on via rulemaking.

The LCB issued a [policy statement](#) on Emergency Liquor Permits to apply before the rules are anticipated to be in effect.

Reasons Why Rulemaking Is Needed

Amendments to, or repeal of, existing rules, as well as creating new rules, may be necessary to implement emergency liquor permits as provided in [HB 2204 \(chapter 91, Laws of 2024\)](#).

Process

The rulemaking process begins by announcing the Board's intent to consider changes to existing rules, add new rule sections, or both by filing a pre-proposal statement of inquiry (CR 101) form with the Office of the Code Reviser. This allows staff, stakeholders, industry partners, and all members of the authorizing environment to begin discussing possible rule changes.

At the CR 101 stage of the rulemaking process, no proposed language is offered. Any interested person may comment on this possible rulemaking during the designated comment period. Notice will be sent to all who have indicated that they want to receive notice of rule activity related to this pre-proposal statement of

inquiry. The notice will identify the public comment period and where comments can be sent.