
HOUSE BILL 1626

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By Representatives Pettigrew, Griffey, Goodman, and Lovick; by request of Liquor and Cannabis Board

1 AN ACT Relating to making the authority of the liquor and
2 cannabis board to enforce state laws concerning liquor, marijuana,
3 tobacco, and vapor products more uniform; and amending RCW 66.44.010.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.44.010 and 1998 c 18 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) All county and municipal peace officers are hereby charged
8 with the duty of investigating and prosecuting all violations of this
9 title, and the penal laws of this state relating to the manufacture,
10 importation, transportation, possession, distribution and sale of
11 liquor, and all fines imposed for violations of this title and the
12 penal laws of this state relating to the manufacture, importation,
13 transportation, possession, distribution and sale of liquor shall
14 belong to the county, city or town wherein the court imposing the
15 fine is located, and shall be placed in the general fund for payment
16 of the salaries of those engaged in the enforcement of the provisions
17 of this title and the penal laws of this state relating to the
18 manufacture, importation, transportation, possession, distribution
19 and sale of liquor: PROVIDED, That all fees, fines, forfeitures and
20 penalties collected or assessed by a district court because of the

1 violation of a state law shall be remitted as provided in chapter
2 3.62 RCW as now exists or is later amended.

3 (2) In addition to any and all other powers granted, the board
4 shall have the power to enforce the penal provisions of this title
5 and the penal laws of this state relating to the manufacture,
6 importation, transportation, possession, distribution and sale of
7 liquor, marijuana, tobacco, and vapor products.

8 (3) In addition to the other duties under this section, the board
9 shall enforce chapters 82.24 and 82.26 RCW.

10 (4) The board may appoint and employ, assign to duty and fix the
11 compensation of, officers to be designated as liquor enforcement
12 officers. Such liquor enforcement officers shall have the power,
13 under the supervision of the board, to enforce the penal provisions
14 of this title and the penal laws of this state relating to the
15 manufacture, importation, transportation, possession, distribution
16 and sale of liquor, marijuana, tobacco, and vapor products. They
17 shall have the power and authority to serve and execute all warrants
18 and process of law issued by the courts in enforcing the penal
19 provisions of this title or of any penal law of this state relating
20 to the manufacture, importation, transportation, possession,
21 distribution and sale of liquor, marijuana, tobacco, and vapor
22 products, and the provisions of chapters 82.24 and 82.26 RCW. They
23 shall have the power to arrest without a warrant any person or
24 persons found in the act of violating any of the penal provisions of
25 this title or of any penal law of this state relating to the
26 manufacture, importation, transportation, possession, distribution
27 and sale of liquor, marijuana, tobacco, and vapor products, and the
28 provisions of chapters 82.24 and 82.26 RCW.

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