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**SENATE BILL 5477**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senator King

1 AN ACT Relating to winery workforce development; and amending RCW  
2 66.44.318.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.44.318 and 2019 c 112 s 2 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Except as provided in this section, nothing is construed to  
7 permit a nonretail class liquor licensee's employee or intern between  
8 the ages of eighteen and twenty-one years to handle, transport, or  
9 otherwise possess liquor.

10 (2) Licensees holding nonretail class liquor licenses are  
11 permitted to allow their employees between the ages of eighteen and  
12 twenty-one years to stock, merchandise, and handle liquor on or about  
13 the:

14 (a) Nonretail premises if there is an adult twenty-one years of  
15 age or older on duty supervising such activities on the premises; and

16 (b) Retail licensee's premises, except between 11:00 p.m. and  
17 4:00 a.m., as long as there is an adult twenty-one years of age or  
18 older, employed by the retail licensee, and present at the retail  
19 licensee's premises during the activities described in this  
20 subsection (2).

1       (3) Employees of a domestic winery who are at least age 18 but  
2 under 21 years of age may engage in wine production and work in a  
3 winery's production facility, so long as there is an adult age 21  
4 years of age or older on duty supervising such activities on the  
5 premises. Nothing in this subsection authorizes a winery employee  
6 under age 21 to taste, consume, sell, or serve wine or liquor.

7       (4) Any act or omission of the nonretail class liquor licensee's  
8 employee occurring at or about the retail licensee's premises, which  
9 violates any provision of this title, is the sole responsibility of  
10 the nonretail class liquor licensee.

11       ~~((4))~~ (5) Nothing in this section absolves the retail licensee  
12 from responsibility for the acts or omissions of its own employees  
13 who violate any provision of this title.

14       ~~((5))~~ (6)(a) Licensees holding a domestic winery license are  
15 permitted to allow their interns who are between the ages of eighteen  
16 and twenty-one years old to engage in wine-production related work at  
17 the domestic winery's licensed location, so long as the intern is  
18 enrolled as a student:

19       (i) At a community or technical college, regional university, or  
20 state university with a special permit issued in accordance with RCW  
21 66.20.010; and

22       (ii) In a required or elective class as part of a degree program  
23 identified in RCW 66.20.010(12)(b).

24       (b) Any act or omission of the domestic winery's intern occurring  
25 at or about the domestic winery's premises, which violates any  
26 provision of this title, is the sole responsibility of the domestic  
27 winery.

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