

SB 669-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL

669-FN

AN ACT

relative to on-premises licenses for licensed barbershops and salons.

SPONSORS:

Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Ward, Dist 8; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Rochefort, Dist 1; Sen. Avard, Dist 12

COMMITTEE:

Commerce

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This increases separates the on-premises license for barbershops and salons into two tiers, one which allows for a single sale and one which allows for service without charge, and requires the liquor commission to make an annual report to the legislature regarding the issuance of licenses and the number of violations which occurred.

Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT relative to on-premises licenses for licensed barbershops and salons.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 On-Premises License; Salon or Barbershop. Amend RSA 178:21, III to read as follows:

2 III. The commission may issue a license to a business currently licensed through the office of
3 professional licensure and certification, pursuant to RSA 313-A:19, as a salon or barbershop, as
4 defined under RSA 313-A:1, to serve one alcoholic beverage to customers who are receiving services
5 from said establishment. ***Such licenses shall be designated either as a tier 1 license or a tier***
6 ***2 license.***

7 (a)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 179:44, a ***tier 1*** licensee under this
8 paragraph may serve alcoholic beverages and liquor ~~[for free]~~ ***without charge for on-premises***
9 ***consumption***, which shall be limited to one drink per customer in the amount not to exceed one 16-
10 ounce glass of beverage, 6-ounce glass of wine, or 1 1/2 ounces of liquor per person ***per***
11 ***appointment.***

12 (2) ***The fee for a tier 1 license under this paragraph shall be \$100.***

13 (3) The licensee shall keep records of the patron served. Such records shall be
14 retained by the licensed facility and shall be made available to the commission upon request.

15 (b)(1) ~~[The fee for the license under this paragraph shall be \$100.]~~ ***A tier 2 licensee***
16 ***may sell alcoholic beverages and liquor for on-premises consumption only, which shall be***
17 ***limited to one drink per customer in the amount not to exceed one 16-ounce glass of***
18 ***beverage, 6-ounce glass of wine, or 1 1/2 ounces of liquor per person per appointment.***

19 (2) ***The fee for a tier 2 license shall be \$480.***

20 (3) ***Sales authorized under this paragraph shall be incidental to the***
21 ***provision of barbering or cosmetology services and shall not constitute a standalone bar or***
22 ***restaurant operation.***

23 (4) ***The licensee shall keep records of alcoholic beverages sold under this***
24 ***paragraph, which shall be retained by the licensed facility and shall be made available to***
25 ***the commission upon request.***

26 (c) Nothing in this section shall allow the commission to issue a license to a salon or
27 barbershop located within a private residence.

28 (d) ***For the purposes of this section, persons under the age of 21 years shall be***
29 ***allowed in the salon but shall not be offered nor consume any alcoholic beverage or liquor.***

30 (e) ***The licensee shall complete the management training seminar offered by the***
31 ***commission.***

1 ***(f) The liquor commission shall submit an annual report to the speaker of the***
2 ***house of representatives and the president of the senate by November 1 of each year listing***
3 ***the number of licenses applied for, granted, and denied, the number of inspections***
4 ***performed, and the total number of violations which occurred within the reporting year.***

5 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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SB 669-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE (AMENDMENT # 2026-1021s)

AN ACT relative to on-premises licenses for licensed barbershops and salons.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation has a total fiscal impact of less than \$10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2026 through 2029.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Liquor Commission