



Liquor Tax



66.20.010(7) - Sales of liquor to the military

Description Sales of liquor by the Liquor Control Board to authorized representatives of military installations are exempt from liquor sales taxes.

Purpose This exemption covered sales of liquor made by state operated stores. Currently, there is no purpose for this exemption. The military now purchases liquor from outside the state and does not collect or remit state liquor taxes.

Taxpayer savings

(\$ in millions):

	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
State Taxes	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000
Local Taxes	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000

Repeal of exemption

Repealing this exemption would not increase state revenues. The military purchases liquor from outside the state and does not collect or remit state liquor taxes.

Potential revenue gains from full repeal

(\$ in millions):

	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
State Taxes	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000
Local Taxes	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000

Assumptions

None

Data Sources

None

Additional Information

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Category:	Government
Year Enacted:	1933
Primary Beneficiaries:	Military installations and military personnel
Taxpayer Count:	0
Program Inconsistency:	None evident
JLARC Review:	Excluded from JLARC review

66.24.290(3b) - Microbrewers beer tax exemption of 1st 60,000 barrels

Description Microbreweries are exempt from the \$4.78 per barrel portion of the beer excise tax on the first 60,000 barrels of beer produced each year.

Purpose To mitigate the impact of a general tax increase in 1993 on a growing local industry.

Taxpayer savings *(\$ in millions):*

	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
State Taxes	\$2.910	\$3.069	\$3.138	\$3.265
Local Taxes	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000

Repeal of exemption Repealing this exemption would increase revenues.

Potential revenue gains from full repeal *(\$ in millions):*

	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
State Taxes	\$0.000	\$2.813	\$3.138	\$3.265
Local Taxes	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000

Assumptions July 1, 2016 effective date, with 11 months of collections in Fiscal Year 2017

Data Sources

- Washington State Economic and Revenue Forecast Council February 2015 forecast
- Liquor Control Board excise tax return data

Additional Information

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Category:	Business
Year Enacted:	1993
Primary Beneficiaries:	Microbreweries
Taxpayer Count:	303
Program Inconsistency:	None evident
JLARC Review:	JLARC completed an expedited review in 2014