

# Senate Bill 635

Sponsored by Senator BENTZ (at the request of City of Ontario)

## SUMMARY

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Increases limits on liquor licensing fees.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to liquor licensing fees; amending ORS 471.166.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 471.166 is amended to read:

5 471.166. (1) The Oregon Liquor Control Commission may require that every applicant for issu-  
6 ance or renewal of a license under this chapter acquire a written recommendation from the gov-  
7 erning body of the county if the place of business of the applicant is outside an incorporated city,  
8 and from the city council if the place of business of the applicant is within an incorporated city.  
9 The commission may take such written recommendation into consideration before granting or re-  
10 fusing the license.

11 (2) If the commission requires that an applicant for issuance of a new license acquire the written  
12 recommendation of a local government, the applicant must give notice to the local government when  
13 an application is made for issuance of the license. If the local government files a favorable recom-  
14 mendation with the commission within 45 days after the notice is given, the commission shall pro-  
15 ceed with consideration of the application. The commission shall proceed with consideration of the  
16 application as though the local government had made a favorable recommendation unless, within 45  
17 days after notice is given to the local government:

18 (a) The local government files an unfavorable recommendation with the commission with a  
19 statement of the grounds for the unfavorable recommendation; or

20 (b) The local government files a request for additional time with the commission that sets forth  
21 the reason additional time is needed by the local government, a statement that the local government  
22 is considering making an unfavorable recommendation on the application, and the specific grounds  
23 on which the local government is considering making an unfavorable recommendation.

24 (3) If the commission requires that an applicant for renewal of a license acquire the written  
25 recommendation of a local government under this section, the commission shall give notice to the  
26 local government when an application is due for renewal of the license. If the local government files  
27 a favorable recommendation with the commission within 60 days after the notice is given, the com-  
28 mission shall proceed with consideration of the application. The commission shall proceed with  
29 consideration of the application as though the local government had made a favorable recommen-  
30 dation unless within 60 days after notice is given to the local government:

31 (a) The local government files an unfavorable recommendation with the commission with a  
32 statement of the grounds for the unfavorable recommendation; or

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (b) The local government files a request for additional time with the commission that sets forth  
2 the reason additional time is needed by the local government, a statement that the local government  
3 is considering making an unfavorable recommendation on the application, and the specific grounds  
4 on which the local government is considering making an unfavorable recommendation.

5 (4) The commission shall suspend consideration of an application subject to this section for a  
6 reasonable period of time if a local government requests additional time under subsection (2)(b) or  
7 (3)(b) of this section and the grounds given by the local government are valid grounds for an unfa-  
8 vorable determination under this chapter or rules adopted by the commission. The commission shall  
9 by rule establish the period of time that shall be granted to a local government pursuant to a re-  
10 quest under subsections (2)(b) and (3)(b) of this section.

11 (5) The commission shall by rule establish valid grounds for unfavorable recommendations by  
12 local governments under this section. Valid grounds established by the commission under this sec-  
13 tion for an unfavorable recommendation by a local government must be limited to those grounds  
14 considered by the commission in making an unfavorable determination on a license application.

15 (6) A person filing an application for issuance or renewal of a license that is subject to this  
16 section must remit to the local government the fees established under subsections (7) and (8) of this  
17 section. The commission shall give notice to the applicant for license renewal of the amount of the  
18 fees and the name of the local government collecting the fees. The commission is not responsible for  
19 collecting the fees charged by the local government or for ensuring that the fees have been paid.  
20 An applicant for a license renewal shall certify in the application form filed with the commission  
21 that the applicant has paid any fees required under this section.

22 (7) An applicant required to seek a written recommendation from a local government must pay  
23 an application fee to the local government, in an amount determined by the governing body of the  
24 city or county, for each application for a license. The application fee [*established by a local govern-*  
25 *ment under this subsection*] may not exceed [~~\$25~~] **\$100**.

26 (8) After public notice and hearing, the governing body of a city or county may adopt an ordi-  
27 nance, rule or resolution prescribing licensing guidelines to be followed in making recommendations  
28 on license applications under this chapter and in allowing opportunity for public comment on ap-  
29 plications. If the guidelines are approved by the commission as consistent with commission rules,  
30 after public notice and hearing the governing body may adopt an ordinance, rule or regulation es-  
31 tablishing a system of fees that is reasonable and necessary to pay expenses of processing the  
32 written recommendation. Processing fees under this subsection are in lieu of **application** fees under  
33 subsection (7) of this section. [*In no case shall the processing fee under this subsection be greater than*  
34 *\$100*] **Under this subsection, a local government may impose a processing fee of up to \$150** for  
35 an original application, [~~\$75~~] **\$125** for a change in ownership, change in location or change in priv-  
36 ilege application, and [~~\$35~~] **\$85** for a renewal or temporary application.

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