

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 280

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO LIQUOR LICENSES; AMENDING SECTION 23-903, IDAHO CODE, TO PRO-
2 VIDE FOR ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE TO RETAIL LIQUOR TO THE OWNER, OPERATOR
3 OR LESSEE OF A CONFERENCE AND EVENT CENTER THAT IS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS
4 OF A RESORT CITY, TO PROVIDE CONDITIONS THE OWNER MUST MEET AND TO MAKE
5 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 SECTION 1. That Section 23-903, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
9 amended to read as follows:

10 23-903. LICENSE TO RETAIL LIQUOR. (1) The director of the Idaho state
11 police is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to issue licenses to
12 qualified applicants, as herein provided, whereby the licensee shall be
13 authorized and permitted to sell liquor by the drink at retail and, upon
14 the issuance of such license, the licensee therein named shall be autho-
15 rized to sell liquor at retail by the drink, but only in accordance with the
16 rules promulgated by the director and the provisions of this chapter. No
17 license shall be issued for the sale of liquor on any premises outside the
18 incorporated limits of any city except as provided in this chapter and the
19 number of licenses so issued for any city shall not exceed one (1) license
20 for each one thousand five hundred (1,500) of population of said city or
21 fraction thereof, as established in the last preceding census, or any sub-
22 sequent special census conducted by the United States bureau of the census
23 or by an estimate that is statistically valid including adding the number
24 of new residential utility connections or including adding the population
25 of areas annexed into the city after the last census or special census was
26 conducted, except that upon proper application thereof not more than two
27 (2) licenses may be issued for each incorporated city with a population of
28 one thousand five hundred (1,500) or less, unless the retail licensing of
29 liquor by the drink has been previously disapproved under the provisions of
30 sections 23-917, 23-918, 23-919, 23-920 and 23-921, Idaho Code; provided
31 however, that any license heretofore issued may be renewed from year to year
32 without regard to the population or status of the city for which such li-
33 cense is issued. Any license issued and which has remained in effect at its
34 location for a consecutive period of ten (10) years or more shall be deemed
35 to have been validly issued and may be renewed from year to year provided
36 however, that the applicant for the renewal of such license is not otherwise
37 disqualified for licensure pursuant to section 23-910, Idaho Code, and, if
38 the premises required special characteristics for original licensure, other
39 than being either within or without the incorporated limits of a city, that
40 said premises continue to have such special characteristics at the time of
41 the application for renewal.

1 (2) Nothing herein contained shall prohibit the issuance of a license
2 to the owner, operator or lessee of an actual bona fide golf course whether
3 located within or without the limits of any city, or located on premises also
4 operated as a winery or ski resort, or to the lessee of any premises situ-
5 ate thereon, whether located within or without the limits of any city. For
6 the purpose of this section, a golf course shall comprise an actual bona fide
7 golf course, which is regularly used for the playing of the game of golf, and
8 having not less than nine (9) tees, fairways and greens laid out and used in
9 the usual and regular manner of a golf course. Nine (9) hole courses must
10 have a total yardage of at least one thousand (1,000) yards, and eighteen
11 (18) hole courses must have a total yardage of at least two thousand (2,000)
12 yards as measured by totaling the tee-to-green distance of all holes. The
13 course must be planted in grass except that it may provide artificial tee
14 mats. Where any such golf course is owned or leased by an association of
15 members and is used or enjoyed by such members or their guests, none of the
16 disqualifications contained in section 23-910, Idaho Code, shall apply to
17 such association as a licensee where such disqualifications, or any of them,
18 would apply only to a member of such association where such member has no in-
19 terest therein except as a member thereof.

20 (3) Also for the purpose of this section, a ski resort shall comprise
21 real property of not less than ten (10) acres in size, exclusive of the ter-
22 rain used for skiing and upon which the owner, operator or lessee of the ski
23 resort has made available himself or through others, including, but not lim-
24 ited to, the owners of condominiums, permanent bona fide overnight accom-
25 modations available to the general public for one hundred (100) persons or
26 more, and which real property is contiguous to or located within the area
27 in which skiing occurs, and which real property is regularly operated as a
28 ski resort in the ~~winter time~~ wintertime, and where the owner, operator or
29 lessee of the ski resort is also the owner, operator or lessee of the area
30 served by a bona fide chair ski lift facility or facilities. Alternatively,
31 for the purpose of this section, a ski resort may also be defined as a down-
32 hill ski area, open to the public, comprising real property of not less than
33 two hundred fifty (250) skiable acres, operating two (2) or more ~~chair lifts~~
34 chairlifts with a vertical lift of one thousand (1,000) feet or more, and ca-
35 pable of transporting a minimum of one thousand eight hundred (1,800) skiers
36 per hour. A ski resort qualifying under this definition shall also have on
37 the premises a lodge facility providing shelter and food service to the pub-
38 lic, the operator of which shall also be the valid owner or lessee of the
39 grounds and facilities upon which the ski resort offers downhill skiing ser-
40 vices to the public. The fees for licenses granted to ski resorts shall be
41 the same as those prescribed for golf courses as set forth in section 23-904,
42 Idaho Code. Not more than one (1) licensed premises shall be permitted on any
43 golf course or any ski resort or within the area comprising the same.

44 (4) Nothing herein contained shall prohibit the issuance of a license
45 to the owner, operator or lessee of an actual bona fide equestrian facil-
46 ity located on not less than forty (40) contiguous acres, with permanently
47 erected seating of not less than six thousand (6,000) seats, no part of which
48 equestrian facility or the premises thereon is situate within the incorpo-
49 rated limits of any city, and which facility shall have at least three (3)
50 days per year of a professionally sanctioned rodeo. Not more than one (1)

1 licensed premises shall be permitted at any equestrian facility or within
2 an area comprising such a facility. The fees for licenses granted to eques-
3 trian facilities shall be the same as those prescribed for golf courses as
4 set forth in section 23-904, Idaho Code.

5 (5) Nothing herein contained shall prohibit the issuance of a license
6 to the owner, operator or lessee of a restaurant operated on an airport owned
7 or operated by a county or municipal corporation or on an airport owned or
8 operated jointly by a county and municipal corporation, and which said air-
9 port is served by a trunk or local service air carrier holding a certificate
10 of public convenience and necessity issued by the civil aeronautics board of
11 the United States of America. Not more than one (1) license shall be issued
12 on any airport.

13 (6) Nothing herein contained shall prohibit the issuance of one (1)
14 club license to a club as defined in section 23-902, Idaho Code. The holder
15 of a club license is authorized to sell and serve alcoholic beverages for
16 consumption only within the licensed establishment owned, leased or occu-
17 pied by the club, and only to bona fide members of the club, and to serve and
18 to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption to bona fide members' guests.
19 A club license issued pursuant to the provisions of this section is not
20 transferable and may not be sold. Any club license issued pursuant to the
21 provisions of this section will revert to the director when, in his judgment,
22 the licensee ceases to operate as a bona fide club as defined in section
23 23-902, Idaho Code. No club may hold a liquor license and a club license
24 simultaneously. A club which on July 1, 1983, holds a liquor license, may
25 continue to possess that license. Any club ~~which~~ that possesses a liquor li-
26 cense on January 1, 1983, or thereafter, and then sells that liquor license,
27 may not obtain a club license, and the director shall not issue a club license
28 to that club for a period of five (5) years following such sale. The fee for
29 any license issued to a qualifying club within an incorporated municipality
30 shall be as prescribed in subsections (1), (2) and (3) of section 23-904,
31 Idaho Code. The fee for any license issued to a qualifying club not situate
32 within an incorporated municipality shall be as specified for golf courses
33 under section 23-904(6), Idaho Code. The provisions of section 23-916,
34 Idaho Code, regarding county and city licenses, shall pertain to club li-
35 censes. The burden of producing sufficient documentation of qualifications
36 for club licensure shall be with the club applicant.

37 (7) Nothing in this chapter to the contrary shall prohibit the issuance
38 of a license to the owner, operator or lessee of an actual bona fide conven-
39 tion center ~~which~~ that is within the incorporated limits of a city having a
40 population of three thousand (3,000) or greater, and which city does not have
41 located therein a convention center with a valid convention center license
42 to sell liquor by the drink. For the purpose of this section, a convention
43 center means a facility having at least thirty-five thousand (35,000) square
44 feet of floor space or a facility having at least one hundred twenty (120)
45 sleeping rooms and an adjoining meeting room ~~which~~ that will accommodate not
46 less than three hundred fifty (350) persons, whether or not such room may be
47 partitioned into smaller rooms, and provided that such meeting room shall
48 contain at least three thousand (3,000) square feet of floor space. Such li-
49 cense must be placed in actual use in said convention center within one (1)
50 year from the date of its issuance. The fee for any license issued to a qual-

1 ifying convention center shall be as prescribed in subsection (3) of section
2 23-904, Idaho Code. The holder of a convention center license shall not be
3 eligible for the issuance of a license in the same city pursuant to any other
4 provision of this chapter. For purposes of this section, the term "holder"
5 shall include an owner, operator or lessee and shall include a stockholder,
6 director or officer of a corporation or a partner in a partnership, which
7 corporation or partnership has been issued a convention center license pur-
8 suant to this chapter. Not more than one (1) licensed premises shall be per-
9 mitted on any convention center or within the area comprising the same, in-
10 cluding convention centers that also comprise golf courses or ski resorts as
11 herein defined.

12 (8) Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit the issuance of a license
13 to the owner, operator or lessee of a food, beverage and/or lodging facil-
14 ity that has been in continuous operation in the same location for at least
15 seventy-five (75) years, except for temporary closings for refurbishing or
16 reconstruction, or a food, beverage and lodging facility serving the pub-
17 lic by reservation only, having a minimum of five (5) rooms operating in a
18 structure that has been in existence for at least seventy-five (75) years and
19 has been on the historic register for a minimum of ten (10) years, is situ-
20 ated within five hundred (500) yards of a natural lake containing a minimum
21 of thirty-six thousand (36,000) acre feet of water when full with a minimum
22 of thirty-two (32) miles of shoreline, and is located in a county with a min-
23 imum population of sixty-five thousand (65,000). The provisions of section
24 23-910, Idaho Code, shall apply to licenses issued to continuous operation
25 facilities. The fees shall be the same as those prescribed for golf courses
26 as set forth in section 23-904, Idaho Code.

27 (9) Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit the issuance of a license
28 to a federally recognized Indian tribe as defined in section 67-4001, Idaho
29 Code, which is an owner, operator or lessee of a food, conference and lodging
30 facility located within the boundaries of the Indian tribe's reservation and
31 containing a minimum of thirty-five thousand (35,000) square feet and fifty
32 (50) guest rooms. Licenses issued to Indian tribes are not transferable.

33 (10) Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit the issuance of a license
34 to the owner, operator or lessee of the lodging, dining and entertainment
35 facilities owned by a gondola resort complex and operated in conjunction
36 with the other public services provided by a gondola resort complex located
37 within the ownership/leasehold boundaries of a gondola resort complex.

38 A gondola resort complex means an actual bona fide gondola capable of
39 transporting people for recreational and/or entertainment purposes at least
40 three (3) miles in length with a vertical rise of three thousand (3,000)
41 feet, portions of which may be located within or over the limits of one (1) or
42 more cities.

43 (11) Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit the issuance of a license to
44 the owner, operator or lessee of a winery also operating a golf course on the
45 premises.

46 (12) Subject to approval of the mayor and city council, nothing in this
47 chapter shall prohibit the issuance of a license to the owner, operator or
48 lessee of a food, conference and lodging facility constructed after May 1,
49 2000, containing a minimum of thirty-five thousand (35,000) square feet and
50 fifty-five (55) guest rooms with a minimum taxable value of three million

1 dollars (\$3,000,000) in a city with a population of less than five thousand
2 (5,000) according to the most recent census.

3 (13) Nothing contained in this chapter shall prohibit the issuance of
4 a license to the owner, operator or lessee of a conference and event center
5 that is within the city limits of a resort city as defined in section 50-1044,
6 Idaho Code, that has enacted local option nonproperty taxes in accordance
7 with section 50-1046, Idaho Code, including, at the time of issuance, a re-
8 sort city tax on sales of liquor by the drink, wine and beer sold at retail for
9 consumption on the licensed premises. There shall be only one (1) confer-
10 ence and event center license to sell liquor by the drink issued per resort
11 city pursuant to this subsection. For the purposes of this section, a con-
12 ference and event center means facilities situated on premises consisting of
13 a building or buildings and the contiguous property owned or leased and under
14 common ownership or control by the licensee. Such facilities must provide
15 not less than four thousand (4,000) square feet of enclosed space for confer-
16 ence and event purposes, exclusive of space dedicated by the licensee to the
17 commercial kitchen. The commercial kitchen must include a type 1 commercial
18 hood and cooking equipment, exclusive of microwave ovens and grills. The
19 fee for any license issued to a qualifying licensee shall be as prescribed
20 in section 23-904(1), (2) or (3), Idaho Code, depending on the population
21 of the resort city in which the conference and event center is located and
22 as prescribed in section 23-916, Idaho Code. A license issued pursuant to
23 this section may be renewed without regard to the population or status of the
24 city for which the license was issued and without regard for the continua-
25 tion of local option nonproperty taxes by the city, provided the applicant
26 for renewal is not otherwise disqualified from licensure pursuant to section
27 23-910, Idaho Code. Not more than one (1) license shall be issued to a con-
28 ference and event center. A conference and event center license shall not be
29 transferable.

30 (14) The provisions of section 23-910, Idaho Code, shall apply to li-
31 licenses issued under the provisions of this section. The fees shall be the
32 same as those prescribed for golf courses as set forth in section 23-904,
33 Idaho Code. Except for licenses issued pursuant to subsection (1) of this
34 section, licenses issued under the provisions of this section are not trans-
35 ferable to any other location, facility or premises.