## LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO Sixty-seventh Legislature Second Regular Session - 2024

## IN THE SENATE

## SENATE BILL NO. 1250

## BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

- RELATING TO LIQUOR; AMENDING SECTION 23-948, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVI-2 SIONS REGARDING LICENSES FOR WATERFRONT RESORTS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL 3 CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 4
- Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho: 5

SECTION 1. That Section 23-948, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby 6 amended to read as follows: 7

8 23-948. WATERFRONT RESORTS -- LICENSING EVEN IF OUTSIDE CORPORATE LIMITS OF CITY. (a) Nothing contained in section 23-903, Idaho Code, shall 9 prohibit the issuance of a license to the owner, operator or a lessee of 10 located at a waterfront resort, even if situated outside the incorporated 11 limits of a city. The provisions of section 23-910, Idaho Code, shall apply 12 to licenses issued under the provisions of this section. For the purpose 13 of this section, a waterfront resort shall comprise real property with not 14 less than two hundred (200) feet of lake frontage upon a lake or reservoir 15 as defined by the army corps of engineers of not less than one hundred sixty 16 (160) acres, or river frontage upon a river with at least an average six (6) 17 months' flow of eleven thousand (11,000) cubic feet per second, and or an 18 average four (4) months' flow of one thousand five hundred (1,500) cubic 19 feet per second if the river is directly impacted by a seasonal irrigation 20 diversion via irrigation canal as specifically listed in the United States 21 22 bureau of reclamation hydromet-reservoir storage "teacup" diagrams for the Columbia-Pacific Northwest region. For the purpose of complying with the 23 provisions of this section, the flow measurement shall be taken from the 24 closest downstream measuring station listed in the United States bureau 25 of reclamation hydromet-reservoir storage "teacup" diagrams for the Co-26 lumbia-Pacific Northwest region. A waterfront resort shall be open to the 27 public, where people assemble for the purpose of  $\frac{1}{2}$ 28 boating, or fishing, and each waterfront resort located on a lake must have 29 suitable docks or permanent improved boat-launching facilities not less 30 than sixteen (16) feet in width on property owned or leased by the resort 31 operator or on property contiguous thereto owned by this state; the county; 32 the city, if within a city; or the federal government open to the public for 33 recreational uses for the purpose of caring for vacationers, or other recre-34 ational users and either of the following: 35

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(1) Hotel or motel accommodations for not less than fifty (50) persons, including a full-service restaurant that serves regularly at least two 37 (2) meals per day to the public during a continuous period of at least 38 39 four (4) months per year; or

(2) A building of not less than three thousand (3,000) square feet of 40 public use floor space, including a full-service restaurant that serves 41 regularly at least two (2) meals per day to the public during a contin-42

uous period of at least four (4) months per year and paved or gravelled graveled parking for fifty (50) automobiles on the operator's owned or leased property and any contiguous property upon which are the docks or boat-launching facilities described in this subsection.

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5 (b) For purposes of satisfying the requirements of subsection (a) of 6 this section, an otherwise qualifying applicant shall not be deemed in-7 eligible for a waterfront resort license because a public right-of-way 8 runs directly between, and contiguous to, the real property upon which the 9 restaurant is located and the real property containing the required water 10 frontage.

(c) The fees for licenses granted under the provisions of this section shall be the same as those prescribed for golf courses as set forth in section 23-904, Idaho Code, unless said resort is located within the corporate limits of a city or village, in which case the license fee shall be the same as for other licensees within such corporate limits.

(d) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to interfere
with the privileges of the holder of a waterfront resort license issued under
this section prior to the effective date of this section.

(e) Licenses issued pursuant to this section shall remain valid and may be transferred according to the provisions of this chapter even if the lake, reservoir or river on which the waterfront resort is situated ceases to meet or, subsequent to first issuance or any renewal thereof, is found not to have met the applicable waterflow or lake acreage requirements, but otherwise met and meets upon issuance or renewal all other applicable requirements provided in subsection (a) of this section.

26 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
 27 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its
 28 passage and approval.