



State of Wisconsin
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2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 1185

April 9, 2024 - Introduced by Representatives CONSIDINE, C. ANDERSON, JOERS, ARMSTRONG, BARE and ORTIZ-VELEZ, cosponsored by Senator STROEBEL. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

AN ACT *to create* 125.51 (4) (w) 6. of the statutes; **relating to:** allowing towns to exceed their retail liquor license quota by issuing one additional retail license.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates a liquor license quota exception under which each town may issue one additional liquor license.

Current law prohibits a person from selling alcohol beverages at retail unless the seller possesses a license or permit authorizing the sale. A "Class B" license authorizes the retail sale of intoxicating liquor for consumption on the retail premises and, subject to various restrictions, the retail sale of intoxicating liquor for consumption off the retail premises. Current law imposes a quota on the number of "Class B" licenses that a municipality may issue. This quota is generally determined by a formula based on the number of licenses previously issued by the municipality and the municipality's population. Current law also provides a limited number of quota exceptions.

The bill allows each town in this state to issue one "Class B" license in addition to the "Class B" licenses authorized under the town's quota.

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The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 125.51 (4) (w) 6. of the statutes is created to read:

125.51 (4) (w) 6. Notwithstanding pars. (am) to (d) and s. 125.185 (5), each town in this state may issue one “Class B” license in addition to the number of licenses determined for the town’s quota under pars. (b) to (d) and in addition to any license under subd. 5.

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