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brandy, bitters, sugar, and ice; and

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November 7, 2023 - Introduced by Senators Tomczyk, Feyen, Quinn and Spreitzer, cosponsored by Representatives Plumer, Dittrich, Emerson, Green, Gundrum, Jacobson, Kitchens, Melotik, Michalski, Nedweski, Penterman, Rettinger, Sapik, Schmidt, Steffen and Swearingen. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: declaring the brandy old-fashioned as Wisconsin's state cocktail.
2	Whereas, many Wisconsinites add both fruits and juices to their cocktails, a
3	tradition originating from the Prohibition era; and
4	Whereas, distilleries across the United States temporarily halted their
5	operations after World War II so that the United States could supply a war-torn
6	Europe with grain, reducing the availability of spirits in Wisconsin; and
7	Whereas, during this period, brandy became notably popular among
8	Wisconsinites following the discovery and distribution of about 30,000 cases of aged
9	Christian Brothers brandy into the Wisconsin market; and
10	Whereas, Wisconsinites increasingly substituted brandy for other spirits in
11	cocktails, making brandy a staple throughout the state; and
12	Whereas, Wisconsin accounts for over half of Korbel's annual brandy sales in
13	the United States, purchasing over 150,000 cases of Korbel brandy in 2019 alone; and
14	Whereas, a Wisconsin-style old-fashioned traditionally consists of muddled

Whereas, Wisconsinites often add a soft drink, sour mix, club soda, or a
combination thereof to their old-fashioned; and
Whereas, Wisconsinites commonly garnish an old-fashioned with either a
sweet garnish, such as oranges or cherries, or a savory garnish, such as olives,
pickled mushrooms, or pickled vegetables; and
Whereas, the old-fashioned has become an unmistakable symbol of Wisconsin,
its residents, and its unique culture; now, therefore, be it
Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the
Wisconsin Legislature declare the brandy old-fashioned to be Wisconsin's state
cocktail.

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