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2025 ASSEMBLY BILL 160

April 2, 2025 - Introduced by Representatives Gustafson, Maxey, Zimmerman, Brown, Goeben, Miresse, Brill, Tittl, Kreibich, Behnke, J. Jacobson and Palmeri, cosponsored by Senators Cabral-Guevara and Larson. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

- 1 AN ACT to repeal 175.095; to amend 125.32 (3) (a), 125.68 (4) (c) 1. and
- 2 990.001 (12) of the statutes; **relating to:** eliminating daylight saving time in
- Wisconsin.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill eliminates daylight saving time. Current law defines standard time and provides that daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. on the second Sunday in March and ends at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday in November of each year.

Federal law generally preempts states from deviating from standard time or eliminating daylight saving time, but federal law allows a state that lies entirely in one timezone, such as Wisconsin, to observe standard time instead of daylight saving time as long as the observation is throughout the entire state.

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

- 4 **SECTION 1.** 125.32 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 5 125.32 (3) (a) No premises for which a Class "B" license or permit is issued
- 6 may remain open between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., except as provided in this

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paragraph and par. (c). On Saturday and Sunday, the closing hours shall be
between 2:30 a.m. and 6 a.m. except that, on the Sunday that daylight saving time
begins as specified in s. 175.095 (2), the closing hours shall be between 3:30 a.m.
and 6 a.m. On January 1 premises operating under a Class "B" license or permit
are not required to close.
SECTION 2. 125.68 (4) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:
125.68 (4) (c) 1. Subject to subds. 3. and 6. and s. 125.51 (3r) (a) 3., no
premises for which a "Class B" license or permit or a "Class C" license has been
issued may remain open between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., except as otherwise
provided in this subdivision and subd. 4. On January 1 premises operating under a
"Class B" license or permit are not required to close. On Saturday and Sunday, no
premises may remain open between 2:30 a.m. and 6 a.m. except that, on the Sunday
that daylight saving time begins as specified in s. 175.095 (2), no premises may
remain open between 3:30 a.m. and 6 a.m. This subdivision does not apply to a
"Class B" license issued to a winery under s. 125.51 (3) (am).
SECTION 3. 175.095 of the statutes is repealed.
SECTION 4. 990.001 (12) of the statutes is amended to read:
990.001 (12) TIME. When time is referred to, the standard of time as provided
by s. 175.09 or 175.095, whichever is applicable, is meant.
SECTION 5. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the first January 1 after publication.

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