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2013 Wisconsin Act 83
[2013 Assembly Bill 62]

Definition of Intoxicant

Wisconsin law provides penalties for operating various types of vehicles and weapons while intoxicated and provides for a pretrial intoxicated driver intervention grant program. In all of those contexts, *prior law* defined “intoxicant” to mean any alcohol beverage, controlled substance, controlled substance analog or other drug, or any combination thereof.

2013 Wisconsin Act 83 expands the definition of “intoxicant” to include hazardous inhalants. Under the Act, “hazardous inhalant” is defined to mean a substance that is ingested, inhaled, or otherwise introduced into the human body in a manner that does not comply with any cautionary labeling required by state or federal law, or in a manner that is not intended by the manufacturer of the substance and that is intended to induce intoxication or elation, to stupefy the central nervous system, or to change the human audio, visual, or mental processes.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.