



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 197

March 13, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives MUSSER, LORGE, BALDWIN, VANDER LOOP, BALDUS, F. LASEE, JOHNSRUD, HAHN, HANDRICK, SERATTI, L. YOUNG, BOYLE, SKINDRUD, FREESE, ALBERS, KREIBICH, SPRINGER and HASENOHRL, cosponsored by Senators SCHULTZ, A. LASEE, WINEKE, RISSER, DECKER and BRESKE. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to repeal** 85.07 (6); **to renumber and amend** 125.02 (8m); and **to create**
2 125.02 (8m) (a) and (b) and 125.032 of the statutes; **relating to:** lowering the
3 legal drinking age to 19.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The legal drinking age in Wisconsin is currently 21. The legal drinking age is the age at which a person may legally purchase, possess and consume alcohol beverages and enter premises licensed for the sale of alcohol beverages unaccompanied by a parent, guardian or spouse who has attained the legal drinking age. It is also the age at which a person may obtain most alcohol beverage licenses and permits.

This bill lowers the legal drinking age to 19. The lower legal drinking age will not take effect unless lowering the legal drinking age will not result in a loss of federal highway funds.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 85.07 (6) of the statutes is repealed.

5 **SECTION 2.** 125.02 (8m) of the statutes is renumbered 125.02 (8m) (intro.) and
6 amended to read:

7 125.02 (**8m**) (intro.) "Legal drinking age" means ~~21~~ years of age.;

