



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 73
[2009 Assembly Bill 8]

**Municipal Quotas for Retail
Intoxicating Liquor Licenses**

Under *current law*, a “Class B” liquor license is required for the retail sale of intoxicating liquor for consumption on the retail premises. Current law also places a quota on the number of “Class B” licenses that a municipality may issue.

2009 Wisconsin Act 37 (the Act) creates an exception to the quota by allowing a municipality to issue a “Class B” license within approximately three months after the effective date of the Act if all of the following apply:

- The license is given to a full-service restaurant having a seating capacity of 75 to 100 persons on the effective date of the Act.
- The full-service restaurant is located in a commercial building and is on a golf course, excluding miniature golf courses.
- The full-service restaurant prepares, serves, and sells food to the public; has a separate dining area with permanent fixtures where table service is provided a minimum of four nights per week for a minimum of six months per year; and generates more than 50% of total annual sales revenue from food sales.
- The full-service restaurant is in a municipality located in Bayfield County, with a population size of at least 400 to 500.
- The license issued under this quota exception may not be reissued if it was surrendered, not renewed, or revoked.

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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.state.wi.us/>.