

**ASSEMBLY BILL 59 (LRB -1178)**

An Act to repeal 125.545 (5) (a); to renumber 125.545 (5) (b); and to amend 36.11 (40) and 125.545 (5) (title) of the statutes; relating to: semiannual meetings of small winery cooperative wholesalers. (FE)

**2011**

03-24.	A.	Introduced by Representatives <b>Steineke, A. Ott, Brooks, Kerkman, Kooyenga, Spanbauer, Tauchen</b> and <b>Weininger</b> ; cosponsored by Senators <b>Cowles, Kedzie, Lassa, Olsen</b> and <b>Schultz</b> .	
03-24.	A.	Read first time and referred to committee on Rural Economic Development and Rural Affairs .....	202
04-07.	A.	Fiscal estimate received.	
04-13.	A.	Fiscal estimate received.	
05-04.	A.	Public hearing held.	
05-18.	A.	Executive action taken.	
05-25.	A.	Report passage recommended by committee on Rural Economic Development and Rural Affairs, Ayes 14, Noes 0 .....	350
05-25.	A.	Referred to committee on Rules .....	350
06-02.	A.	Placed on calendar 6-8-2011 by committee on Rules.	
06-08.	A.	Read a second time .....	369
06-08.	A.	Ordered to a third reading .....	369
06-08.	A.	Rules suspended .....	369
06-08.	A.	Read a third time and <b>passed</b> .....	369
06-08.	A.	Representative Bies added as a coauthor .....	369
06-08.	A.	Ordered immediately messaged .....	369
06-08.	S.	Received from Assembly .....	326
06-09.	S.	Read first time and referred to committee on Financial Institutions and Rural Issues .....	330
11-16.	S.	Public hearing held.	
11-30.	S.	Executive action taken.	
12-08.	S.	Report concurrence recommended by committee on Financial Institutions and Rural Issues, Ayes 5, Noes 0 .....	622
12-08.	S.	Available for scheduling.	

**2012**

01-12.	S.	Placed on calendar 1-17-2012 pursuant to Senate Rule 18(1) .....	650
01-17.	S.	Read a second time .....	655
01-17.	S.	Ordered to a third reading .....	655
01-17.	S.	Rules suspended .....	655
01-17.	S.	Read a third time and <b>concurred in</b> .....	655
01-24.	S.	Ordered immediately messaged.	
01-24.	A.	Received from Senate concurred in.	

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**ADOPTED DOCUMENTS:**

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**Amendments to above (if none, write "NONE"):** None

**Corrections - show date (if none, write "NONE"):** None

**Topic** Rel

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**Date**

J R Miller

**Enrolling Drafter**



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3 meetings of small winery cooperative wholesalers.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, between October 1 and December 31, 2008, the Department of Revenue (DOR) was authorized to issue intoxicating liquor wholesalers' permits to small winery cooperatives (cooperative wholesalers). DOR was limited to issuing a total of six such permits. Only wineries certified by DOR as small wineries can be members of a cooperative wholesaler. With respect to alcohol beverage products, a cooperative wholesaler can sell and distribute only the wine of its members, which can be sold or distributed only to retailers or other wholesalers.

Under current law, at least once every six months the board of directors of a cooperative wholesaler must meet in person with DOR and the University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives (CFC). Current law specifies various requirements related to these meetings, including that publicly available reports be prepared by DOR and the CFC as a result of these meetings.

This bill eliminates this meeting and report requirement.

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

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

**ASSEMBLY BILL 59**

1 SECTION 1. 36.11 (40) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 36.11 (40) CENTER FOR COOPERATIVES. The board shall maintain a center for  
3 cooperatives at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. ~~The center shall comply with~~  
4 ~~the requirements specified in s. 125.545 (5) (a).~~

5 SECTION 2. 125.545 (5) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 125.545 (5) (title) ~~SEMIANNUAL MEETINGS AND BIENNIAL~~ BIENNIAL REPORTS.

7 SECTION 3. 125.545 (5) (a) of the statutes is repealed.

8 SECTION 4. 125.545 (5) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 125.545 (5).

9 (END)