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<b>2013 Wisconsin Act 307</b> [2013 Assembly Bill 780]	<b>Voluntary Intoxication Defense</b>
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Under current law, an intoxicated or drugged condition of a person that is involuntarily produced is a defense to criminal liability if the condition renders the person incapable of distinguishing between right and wrong in regard to the alleged criminal act at the time the act is committed or negates the existence of a state of mind essential to the crime. Under prior law, an intoxicated or drugged condition of a person that was voluntarily produced was a defense to criminal liability if the condition negated the existence of a state of mind essential to the crime, except that such condition was not a defense to liability for criminal recklessness.

2013 Wisconsin Act 307 repealed the defense of voluntary intoxication.

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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>.