



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2005 Wisconsin Act 50**  
[2005 Senate Bill 266]

**Underage Persons in Banquet or  
Hospitality Room on Premises  
Licensed to Sell Alcohol**

Under current law, a person who has not reached the legal drinking age (21 years), and who is not accompanied by his or her parent, guardian, or spouse who has attained the legal drinking age, may not enter or be on any premises for which a license or permit for the retail sale of alcohol beverages has been issued. Current law provides several exceptions to this prohibition. Under one exception, an underage person may enter or remain in a dance hall attached to a licensed premises if the dance hall is separate from any room where alcohol beverages are sold, if there is a separate entrance to the dance hall and if no alcohol beverages are furnished or consumed by any person in the dance hall where the underage person is present.

Act 50 modifies the dance hall exception so that an underage person may enter or remain in a dance hall or banquet or hospitality room attached to a licensed premises for the purpose of attending a banquet, reception, dance, or other similar event. In addition, an underage person may enter or remain in a banquet or hospitality room on brewery premises for the purpose of attending a brewery tour.

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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/>.