

### CONVERSION TABLE FOR CHAPTER 125, ALCOHOL BEVERAGES

This table is designed to assist in tracing s. 66.054 and ch. 176 of the statutes as affected by chapter 79, laws of 1981, and other acts of the 1981-82 legislature. Except where the word "deleted" has been used to indicate that the old section has no counterpart in the new chapter, the table does not show specifically what happened to the old law. That information can be found in the notes in the 1981 session laws.

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## CHAPTER 125

## ALCOHOL BEVERAGES

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**NOTE:** Chapter 79, laws of 1981, which created this chapter of the statutes, contains extensive notes explaining the revision. See the 1981 session laws. Also see the conversion table preceding this chapter.

## SUBCHAPTER I

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

**125.01 Legislative intent.** This chapter shall be construed as an enactment of statewide concern for the purpose of providing a uniform regulation of the sale of alcohol beverages.

**History:** 1981 c 79.

**125.02 Definitions.** As used in this chapter:

(1) "Alcohol beverages" means fermented malt beverages and intoxicating liquor.

(2) "Brewer" means any person who manufactures fermented malt beverages for sale or transportation.

(3) "Brewery premises" means all land and buildings used in the manufacture or sale of fermented malt beverages at a brewer's principal place of business.

(3m) "Campus" has the meaning given under s. 36.05 (3).

(4) "Club" means an organization, whether incorporated or not, which is the owner, lessee or occupant of a building or portion thereof used exclusively for club purposes, which is operated solely for a recreational, fraternal, social, patriotic, political, benevolent or athletic purpose but not for pecuniary gain and which only sells alcohol beverages incidental to its operation.

(5) "Department" means the department of revenue.

(6) "Fermented malt beverages" means any beverage made by the alcohol fermentation of an infusion in potable water of barley malt and hops, with or without unmalted grains or decorticated and degerminated grains or sugar containing 0.5% or more of alcohol by volume.

(7) "Hotel" means a hotel as defined in s. 50.50 (1), provided with a restaurant.

(8) "Intoxicating liquor" means all ardent, spirituous, distilled or vinous liquors, liquids or compounds, whether medicated, proprietary, patented or not, and by whatever name called, containing 0.5% or more of alcohol by volume, which are beverages, but does not include "fer-

mented malt beverages" which contain less than 5% of alcohol by weight.

(9) "License" means an authorization to sell alcohol beverages issued by a municipal governing body under this chapter.

(10) "Manufacturer" means a person, other than a rectifier, that ferments, manufactures or distills intoxicating liquor.

(11) "Municipality" means a city, village or town.

(12) "Peace officer" means a sheriff, undersheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer, constable, marshal, deputy marshal or any employe of the department or of the department of justice authorized to act under this chapter.

(13) "Permit" means any permit issued by the department under this chapter.

(14) "Person" means a natural person, sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation or association.

(14m) "Premises" means the area described in a license or permit.

(15) "Primary American source of supply" means the manufacturer, the rectifier, the owner of intoxicating liquor at the time it becomes a marketable product or the exclusive agent of any such person who, if the product cannot be secured directly from the manufacturer by American wholesalers, is the source closest to the manufacturer in the channel of commerce from whom the product can be secured by American wholesalers, or who, if the product can be secured directly from the manufacturer by American wholesalers, is the manufacturer.

(16) "Rectifier" means any one of the following:

(a) A person that rectifies, purifies or refines distilled spirits or wines by any process other than by original and continuous distillation from mash, wort or wash, through continuous closed vessels or pipes, until the manufacture thereof is complete.

(b) A person who possesses any still or leach tub or keeps any other apparatus for refining distilled spirits.

(c) A person who after rectifying and purifying distilled spirits, by mixing such spirits with any materials, manufactures any spurious, imitation or compound liquors for sale.

(d) A distiller or any person under substantially the same control as a distiller who, without rectifying, purifying or refining distilled spirits, by mixing such spirits with any materials, manufactures any spurious, imitation or compound liquors for sale under the name of "whiskey", "brandy", "gin", "rum", "spirits", "cordials" or any other name.

(e) A person who places intoxicating liquor in bottles or other containers.

(17) "Regulation" means any rule or ordinance adopted by a municipal governing body.

(18) "Restaurant" means a restaurant as defined in s. 50.50 (3).

(19) "Retailer" means any person who sells, or offers for sale, any alcohol beverages to any person other than a person holding a permit or a license under this chapter.

(20) "Sell", "sold", "sale" or "selling" means any transfer of alcohol beverages with consideration or any transfer without consideration if knowingly made for purposes of evading the law relating to the sale of alcohol beverages or any shift, device, scheme or transaction for obtaining alcohol beverages, including the solicitation of orders for, or the sale for future delivery of, alcohol beverages.

(21) "Wholesaler" means a person, other than a brewer, manufacturer or rectifier, who sells alcohol beverages to a licensed retailer or to another person who holds a permit or license to sell alcohol beverages at wholesale.

(22) "Wine" means products obtained from the normal alcohol fermentation of the juice or must of sound, ripe grapes, other fruits or other agricultural products, imitation wine, compounds sold as wine, vermouth, cider, perry, mead and sake, if such products contain 0.5% or more of alcohol by volume.

**History:** 1981 c. 79, 202.

Country clubs opening any part of their facilities to the general public lose their eligibility for "country club" liquor or beer licenses. 69 Atty. Gen. 248.

### 125.03 Department rule making. (1)

**RULES.** The department, in furtherance of effective control, may promulgate rules consistent with this chapter and ch. 139.

(2) **CONTAINERS.** The department may by rule prescribe the standard size, form or character of any container in which intoxicating liquor may be sold in this state except that the department may not set the size of containers in which intoxicating liquor, except wine containing not more than 21% of alcohol by volume, may be sold at a capacity greater than 1.75 liters (59.1752 fluid ounces).

**History:** 1981 c. 79.

### 125.04 General licensing requirements.

(1) **LICENSE OR PERMIT; WHEN REQUIRED.** No person may sell, manufacture, rectify, brew or engage in any other activity for which this chapter provides a license, permit, or other type of authorization without holding the appropriate license, permit or authorization issued under this chapter.

(2) **LICENSES OR PERMITS ISSUED IN VIOLATION OF CHAPTER.** No license or permit may be issued to any person except as provided in this

chapter. Any license or permit issued in violation of this chapter is void.

**(3) APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES AND PERMITS.** (a) *Contents.* The department shall prepare an application form for each kind of license, other than a manager's or operator's license, and for each kind of permit issued under this chapter. Each form shall require all of the following information:

1. A history of the applicant relevant to the applicant's fitness to hold a license or permit.

2. The kind of license or permit for which the applicant is applying.

3. The premises where alcohol beverages will be sold or stored.

4. Any other information required by this chapter.

(b) *Application for renewing.* The department may prepare a simplified application form for renewal of each kind of license or permit which requires only information pertinent to renewal.

(c) *Distribution.* The department shall furnish upon request blank application forms to each municipality issuing licenses.

(d) *Application form use.* An application form prepared by the department shall be used by each applicant for a permit or license, other than a manager's or operator's license.

(e) *Place of filing applications.* 1. Each application for a license, other than a manager's or operator's license, shall be sworn to by the applicant. The applicant shall file the application for a license with the municipal clerk of the intended place of sale.

2. The applicant shall file the application for a permit with the department.

(f) *Time of filing and issuance.* 1. Except as provided in subd. 2, all applications for licenses to sell alcohol beverages shall be filed with the clerk of the municipality in which the premises are located at least 15 days prior to the granting of the license.

2. In counties having a population of 500,000 or more, the governing body of the municipality shall establish the time, prior to the granting of a license, by which an application shall be filed with the clerk.

(g) *Publication of intoxicating liquor application.* The municipal clerk shall publish each application for a license to sell intoxicating liquor prior to its issuance in a newspaper according to the following conditions:

1. The publication shall include the name and address of the applicant, the kind of license applied for and the location of the premises to be licensed.

2. The newspaper utilized for publication shall have been regularly published, on a daily or weekly basis for a period of not less than 2 years

before the date of publication in the municipality in which is located the premises to be licensed.

3. If the municipality in which the premises is located has no newspaper, the newspaper utilized for publication shall be one having circulation in the municipality and designated by the governing body. If no designation is made, publication shall be in the newspaper having the largest circulation in the municipality.

4. The newspaper utilized for publication shall be one that is published on a daily basis, except that a weekly newspaper may be utilized if a daily newspaper is not published in the municipality.

5. The publication shall be printed in a daily newspaper on 3 successive occasions, or if a weekly newspaper is utilized, it shall be printed at least once.

6. At the time the application is filed, the applicant shall pay to the clerk the cost of publication as determined under s. 985.08.

(h) *Subsequent changes.* Within 10 days of any change in any fact set out in an application for a license or permit to sell alcohol beverages, the licensee or permittee shall file with the issuing authority a written description of the changed fact.

(i) *Records.* 1. Any person may inspect applications for licenses to sell alcohol beverages.

2. The clerk of the municipality shall retain all applications made to it for licenses to sell alcohol beverages.

3. The clerk of the municipality may destroy all applications more than 4 years old which have been retained under subd. 2.

**(4) APPLICATIONS SENT TO DEPARTMENT; AFFIDAVIT.** (a) *Copy of application.* Any municipal official who issues a license to sell alcohol beverages shall mail a copy of the application for the license to the department. The application shall be accompanied by all information relevant to the application and the license which is required by law to be furnished by the municipality to the department.

(b) *Changes.* The municipal official issuing a license under par. (a) shall mail to the department a copy of any change in any fact set out in the application required to be filed with the official under sub. (3) (h).

(c) *Validation.* No license to sell alcohol beverages is valid until the municipal official issuing the license does all of the following:

1. Complies with par. (a).

2. Attaches to the license his or her affidavit of compliance with par. (a).

**(5) QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSES AND PERMITS.** (a) *Natural persons.* Licenses and permits related to alcohol beverages, issued to natural

persons under this chapter, may be issued only to persons who:

1. Do not have an arrest or conviction record, subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322 and 111.335;
2. Have been residents of this state continuously for at least one year prior to the date of filing the application; and
3. Are 18 years of age or older.

(b) *Criminal offenders.* No license or permit related to alcohol beverages may, subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322 and 111.335, be issued under this chapter to any natural person who has habitually been a law offender or has been convicted of a felony unless the person has been duly pardoned.

(c) *Corporations.* No license or permit may be issued to any corporation unless the agent of the corporation appointed under sub. (6) and the officers and directors of the corporation meet the qualifications of pars. (a) and (b), except that par. (a) 2 does not apply to agents of any corporation or to officers and directors of corporations organized under the laws of states other than this state or foreign countries.

(d) *Operators' and managers' licenses.* Paragraph (a) 2 does not apply to applicants for operators' licenses issued under s. 125.17 or to applicants for managers' licenses issued under s. 125.18 by any municipality other than a 1st class city. In a municipality other than a 1st class city, managers' licenses may be issued only to applicants who are residents of this state at the time of issuance. In a 1st class city, managers' licenses may be issued only to applicants who are residents of the city for at least one year immediately prior to the filing of the license.

**(6) LICENSES TO CORPORATIONS; APPOINTMENT OF AGENTS.** (a) *Agent.* No corporation organized under the laws of this state or of any other state or foreign country may be issued any alcohol beverage license or permit unless:

1. The corporation first appoints an agent in the manner prescribed by the department. In addition to the qualifications under sub. (5), the agent must, with respect to character, record and reputation, be satisfactory to the department.

2. The corporation vests in the agent, by properly authorized and executed written delegation, full authority and control of the premises described in the license or permit of the corporation, and of the conduct of all business on the premises relative to alcohol beverages, that the licensee or permittee could have and exercise if it were a natural person.

(b) *Successor agent.* A corporation may cancel the appointment of an agent and appoint a successor agent to act in the agent's place, for the remainder of the license year or until another agent is appointed, as follows:

1. The successor agent shall meet the same qualifications required of the first appointed agent.

2. The corporation shall immediately notify the department, and the issuing authority if a license is held, in writing, of the appointment of the successor agent and the reason for the cancellation and new appointment.

(c) *Authority of successor.* A successor agent shall have all the authority, perform all the functions and be charged with all the duties of the previous agent of the corporation until the next regular or special meeting of the issuing authority if a license is held. However, the license of the corporation shall cease to be in force if, prior to the next regular or special meeting of the issuing authority, the clerk of the licensing authority receives notice of disapproval of the successor agent by the department or a peace officer of the municipality issuing the license.

(d) *Approval of successor.* The license of the corporation shall not be in force after the next regular or special meeting of the licensing authority unless and until the successor agent or another qualified agent is appointed and approved by the licensing authority and the department.

(e) *Fee.* The corporation shall, following the approval of each successor agent or another qualified agent by the licensing authority and the department, pay to the licensing authority a fee of \$10.

(f) *Resignation.* If an agent appointed under this subsection resigns, he or she shall notify in writing the corporation and the authority issuing the license or permit within 48 hours of the resignation.

**(7) FEDERAL TAX STAMP.** No license or permit to sell alcohol beverages may be issued to any person until the person has provided proof of application for a federal special tax stamp appropriate to the business covered by the license or permit. When the federal special tax stamp is obtained, the stamp or a copy thereof shall be shown to the issuing authority. If within 90 days of the issuance of the license or permit, a federal special stamp has not been shown to the issuing authority, the license or permit shall become invalid unless the holder shows cause why the federal special tax stamp has not been obtained.

**(8) LICENSES NOT VALID UNTIL FEES PAID.** No license for the sale of alcohol beverages may be delivered to the applicant until the applicant files with the municipal clerk a receipt showing payment of the license fee to the appropriate treasurer.

**(9) SEPARATE LICENSE OR PERMIT REQUIRED.** Wholesalers, manufacturers, rectifiers,

brewers and retailers shall have a separate permit or license covering each location or premises, except a licensed public warehouse, from which deliveries and sales of alcohol beverages are made or at which alcohol beverages are stored.

**(10) LICENSE AND PERMIT FRAMED, POSTED.**

(a) *Frame*. Permits for the retail sale of alcohol beverages, and licenses for the sale of alcohol beverages, shall be enclosed in a frame having a transparent front which allows the license or permit to be clearly read.

(b) *Display*. All permits and licenses under par. (a), other than those for the sale of fermented malt beverages for consumption on the premises issued to the state fair or to county or district fairs receiving state aid, shall be conspicuously displayed for public inspection at all times in the room or place where the activity subject to permit or licensure is carried on.

**(11) EXPIRATION DATES.** Except as otherwise provided in this chapter:

(a) *Licenses and retail permits*. Licenses and retail permits to sell alcohol beverages shall expire on June 30 of each year.

(b) *Other permits*. All permits, other than those under par. (a), shall expire on December 31 of each year.

**(12) TRANSFER OF LICENSES AND PERMITS.**

(a) *From place to place*. Every alcohol beverage license or permit may be transferred to another place or premises within the same municipality. Transfers shall be made by the issuing authority upon payment of a fee of \$10. No retail licensee or retail permittee is entitled to more than one transfer during the license year. The issuing authority shall promptly notify the department of all transfers.

(b) *From person to person*. 1. Licenses to sell alcohol beverages may be transferred to persons other than the licensee if the licensee, or an applicant for a subsequently granted license, dies, becomes bankrupt or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors during the license year or after filing the application. If a retail licensee becomes disabled, the municipality may, upon application, transfer the license to the licensee's spouse if that spouse may hold a license under sub. (5) and complies with all of the requirements under this chapter applicable to original applicants, except that the spouse is exempt from payment of the license fee for the year in which the transfer takes place.

2. Upon the happening of any of the events under subd. 1, the personal representative, the surviving spouse if a personal representative is not appointed, the trustee or the receiver may continue or sell or assign the business.

3. Businesses may be continued under subd. 2 only if the personal representative or surviving spouse is a U.S. citizen.

4. If the business is sold or assigned, the license may be transferred to the successor owner or assignee at no charge if:

a. He or she complies with the requirements applicable to original applicants; and

b. He or she is acceptable to the issuing authority and consent to the transfer is given by the issuing authority.

**History:** 1981 c. 79, 235, 391.

**125.05 Local option; remonstrances. (1)**

**LOCAL OPTION.** Electors of any municipality may determine, by ballot at the election held on the first Tuesday in April, the questions of whether the municipality shall issue retail licenses for the sale of fermented malt beverages or intoxicating liquor or whether a retail store operated by the municipality shall cease operation.

(a) *Questions*. The following questions may be submitted to the electors:

1. "Shall Class "B" licenses (taverns, hotels, restaurants, clubs, societies, lodges, fair associations, etc.) be issued for the retail sale of beer for consumption on or off the premises where sold?"

2. "Shall Class "A" licenses (stores, etc.) be issued for the retail sale of beer in original packages to be consumed away from the premises where sold?"

3. "Shall "Class B" licenses (taverns, restaurants, hotels, etc.) be issued for the retail sale of intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises where sold?"

4. "Shall "Class A" licenses (stores, etc.) be issued for the retail sale of intoxicating liquor in original packages to be consumed away from the premises where sold?"

5. In the case where a municipal store is operating under s. 176.08, 1967 stats., "Against liquor store?"

(b) *Procedure*. The following procedure shall govern the election under this subsection:

1. A written petition shall be circulated requesting that the question be submitted to the electors of the municipality affected by the question. A separate petition for each question shall be circulated. The contents of the petition shall be governed, as far as applicable, by the provisions of s. 8.15 relating to the use of more than one sheet of paper, the dates of signatures, the residences of the signers and verification of the petition.

2. Petitions shall be circulated by qualified electors who reside within the municipality affected by the question. No petition may be circulated prior to 60 days before the date required for filing.



3. No signature on the petition may be counted unless it was written and dated within 60 days prior to the date required for filing.

4. Petitions shall be signed by a number of qualified electors within the municipality affected by the question equal to at least 15% of the number of votes cast for governor in the affected municipality at the last general election.

5. The petition shall be filed with the clerk of the municipality affected by the question at least 30 days prior to the first Tuesday of April.

6. Within 5 days after the petition is filed, the clerk shall determine the sufficiency of the petition, and shall state the finding in a certificate signed by the clerk, dated and attached to the petition.

7. Within 5 days after the certificate is signed, the clerk shall notify the department in writing of the date upon which the petition was filed, the question to be submitted and the name and address of the municipality.

8. After the conditions of subs. 6 and 7 are satisfied, the clerk shall promptly order that each question stated in a petition found to be sufficient shall be submitted to the electors at the election to be held on the first Tuesday of April following the date of the order.

9. City clerks shall give notice of the election as provided in ch. 10 for notice of a regular city election. Village and town clerks shall give notice of the election by posting written or printed notices in at least 5 public places in the village or town not less than 10 days prior to the election.

10. Each question submitted to the electors shall conform to the form prescribed by the elections board under ss. 5.64 (2) and 7.08 (1) (a).

11. The election on any question shall be conducted in the same manner as other elections are conducted in the municipality. The canvassers shall determine and immediately certify the results of the election. Within 10 days after the election, the clerk shall notify the department of the results.

(c) *Term of election results.* The result of an election under par. (b) shall remain in effect for 2 years and thereafter unless changed at another election on the question, except that a vote to discontinue operation of a municipal store may not be changed at another election.

(d) *Wholesalers' licenses.* If the election results prohibit the retail sale of fermented malt beverages, the municipality may nevertheless issue wholesalers' licenses to qualified persons on the condition that the wholesaler may not sell or deliver fermented malt beverages within the municipality to any person residing therein.

(2) **REMONSTRANCES.** (a) *Residence district.* In this subsection "residence district" means any clearly described compact, contiguous territory in any municipality bounded by corporation or ward lines, public streets, public alleys or water courses, in which not less than 100 and not more than 750 qualified electors reside.

(b) *No previous licenses.* A residence district may be created in a municipality which has not previously issued a license to sell intoxicating liquor in the residence district if a majority of the district's electors sign and file with the municipal clerk on or before May 1 in any year a written remonstrance describing the boundaries of the residence district and stating that no license may be issued within the district.

(c) *Previous licenses.* A residence district may be created in a municipality which has previously issued a license to sell intoxicating liquor in the residence district if a majority of the district's electors sign and file with the municipal clerk not earlier than May 1 nor later than May 15 in any year, a written remonstrance describing the boundaries of the residence district and stating that no licenses may be issued within the district.

(d) *Limits on district.* The greatest length of a residence district may not be more than 4 times its narrowest width. No part of any one residence district once created by the electors may be used to create another residence district. A residence district or part thereof in which licenses may not be issued may not be used to create another residence district. Property occupied exclusively for educational, religious or charitable purposes and public parks in residence districts may be included in residence districts as residence property, but shall not be used in determining the boundaries or size of any such district.

(e) *Restrictions on licenses in residence districts.* No license to sell intoxicating liquor may be issued in a residence district created under par. (b) or (c) after a remonstrance is filed except:

1. Licenses may be issued for specific locations within a residence district under par. (b) if a majority of the electors in the district sign and file with the municipal clerk written consent for the issuance of licenses for the specific locations.

2. Licenses may be issued in residence districts created under par. (c) if a majority of the electors in the district sign and file with the municipal clerk a counter petition stating that licenses may be issued in that district.

(f) *Exclusions.* The prohibition on the issuance of licenses within a residence district does not apply to:

1. The frontage of that side of any street between intersecting streets in any city or incorporated village upon which one-third of the lineal feet of the property abutting thereon is devoted to or used for a commercial, mercantile, manufacturing or other business purpose.

2. The street frontage on either side of such street if one-third of the lineal feet of property abutting on both sides thereof between intersecting streets is so used.

3. The frontage on either or both sides of a highway in towns or unincorporated villages within a distance of 400 feet if one-third of the lineal feet of the property abutting upon the highway within that distance is so used.

4. Actual and bona fide hotels maintaining, in 1st class cities, 50 or more sleeping rooms for the accommodation of transient guests; in 2nd class cities, 25 or more such rooms; in 3rd class cities, 18 or more such rooms; and in 4th class cities, 10 or more such rooms.

(g) *Documents; signatures and circulation.* The electors signing a remonstrance, consent or counter petition under par. (b), (c) or (e) shall subscribe to the document their names together with, in cities and villages, the street or lot and block numbers of their residences and, in towns, the quarter-section numbers of their residences. Each elector shall sign the document before a resident of the district who is circulating it. Each person circulating a document shall file an affidavit that each signer is a qualified elector of the residence district referred to in the document and that the signers' names and addresses on the document are genuine. No elector may sign more than one remonstrance or counter petition affecting the elector's residence district. The documents may be separate. Any number of persons may circulate the documents.

(h) *Number of electors.* The number of electors in a residence district shall equal the number of names with residences in the district which appear on a registration list as defined in s. 5.02 (17). If there is no registration list, the number of electors shall equal the number of names with residences in the district which appear on a poll list as defined in s. 5.02 (14) compiled at the last gubernatorial or presidential election, whichever is most recent. A person whose name does not appear on a registration list or poll list may not sign a protest petition, consent or counter petition.

(i) *Notice.* At least 5 days before soliciting signatures to any remonstrance or counter petition, notice of intent to do so, describing the boundaries of the proposed residence district, shall be published as a class I notice under ch. 985, in the district described in the remonstrance or counter petition. No remonstrance or counter petition may be filed before proof of

compliance with this section is filed with the clerk of the municipality.

(j) *Publication, objections and effects of filing.* Within 10 days after a remonstrance or counter petition has been filed, the officials of the municipality authorized to issue licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquor shall publish a class I notice, under ch. 985, within the residence district stating that at a hearing held on a day fixed by the officials:

1. The officials will examine and consider the remonstrance or counter petition.

2. Any person objecting to the sufficiency of the remonstrance or counter petition may appear before the officials and file objections to the remonstrance or counter petition.

3. The officials shall consider the objections.

4. The officials shall identify any material defect in the remonstrance or counter petition and point them out to the persons who filed the remonstrance or counter petition.

5. The persons who filed the remonstrance or counter petition shall be permitted to correct the defects within 15 days after the hearing.

6. If the defects are corrected, no license may be issued within the residence district except as provided in pars. (e) and (f). If the defects are not corrected, licenses may continue to be issued within the district.

History: 1981 c. 79, 377.

#### 125.06 License and permit exceptions.

No license or permit is required under this chapter for:

(1) **BREWERS' PREMISES.** The furnishing, by brewers, of fermented malt beverages free of charge to customers, visitors and employes on the brewery premises if the fermented malt beverages are consumed on the brewery premises and are not furnished or consumed in or near any room or place where intoxicating liquor is sold.

(2) **HOSPITALS; PRACTICE OF MEDICINE OR SURGERY.** (a) The use of alcohol beverages in institutions licensed under subchs. I and II of ch. 50 where the beverages are used solely for medicinal, mechanical or scientific purposes.

(b) The use or prescription of alcohol beverages by a person licensed to practice medicine or surgery in the treatment of the sick.

(c) Notwithstanding pars. (a) and (b), a permit to receive shipments of alcohol under s. 125.61 must be obtained before alcohol beverages may be used or prescribed under pars. (a) and (b).

(3) **HOMEMADE WINE OR FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGES.** The manufacture of wine or fermented malt beverages of any alcoholic content by any person at his or her home, farm or place of residence if the wine or fermented malt

beverages is to be consumed by that person or his or her family and guests, and if the person manufacturing the wine or fermented malt beverages receives no compensation.

(4) **UNADULTERATED CIDER.** The manufacture or sale of unadulterated apple cider.

(5) **RAILROADS, AIRCRAFT.** The sale of alcohol beverages on any railroad dining, buffet or cafe car or aircraft, while in transit. Alcohol beverages may be consumed in a railroad dining, buffet or cafe car or aircraft only while it is in transit.

(6) **PUBLIC PARKS.** The sale of fermented malt beverages in any public park operated by a county or municipality. Fermented malt beverages shall be sold by officers or employes of the county or municipality under an ordinance, resolution, rule or regulation enacted by the governing body. Receipts from the sales shall be deposited in the treasury of the county or municipality.

(7) **JUDICIAL, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S, GUARDIAN'S, RECEIVER'S OR TRUSTEE'S SALE.** The sale of alcohol beverages at any judicial, personal representative's or guardian's sale or any sale by a receiver or trustee in insolvency or bankruptcy, where the estate being administered possesses a license or permit in effect on the date of such sale.

(8) **SALE BY SECURED PARTY.** The sale of alcohol beverages by a secured party in good faith under the terms of a security agreement, if the sale is not for the purpose of avoiding this chapter or ch. 139. The sale must be in the ordinary course of the business of lending money secured by a security interest in alcohol beverages or warehouse receipts or other evidence of ownership.

(9) **CERAMIC BOTTLE COLLECTORS.** The sale of ceramic commemorative bottles or other uniquely designed decanters which contain intoxicating liquor, by collectors of such containers to other collectors of such containers. Unbroken federal tax stamps shall be on any containers so sold.

History: 1981 c. 79, 202.

**125.07 Restrictions on sales to minors and intoxicated persons; presence of minors in places of sale and possession by minors; penalties.** (1) **SALES OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES TO MINORS.** (a) *Restrictions.* 1. No person may procure for, sell, dispense or give away any fermented malt beverages to any person under the age of 18 years not accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or adult spouse, or procure for, sell, dispense or give away any intoxicating liquor to any person under the age of 18 years.

2. No licensee or permittee may sell, vend, deal or traffic in fermented malt beverages to or with any person under the age of 18 years not accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or adult spouse or sell, vend, deal or traffic in intoxicating liquor to or with any person under the age of 18 years.

(b) *Penalties and license suspension for sale to minor.* 1. In this paragraph, "violation" means a violation of this subsection or a local ordinance which strictly conforms to this subsection.

2. A person who commits a violation is subject to a forfeiture of:

a. Not more than \$500 if the person has not committed a previous violation within 12 months of the violation; or

b. Not less than \$200 nor more than \$500 if the person has committed a previous violation within 12 months of the violation.

3. A court shall suspend any license or permit issued under this chapter to a person and shall revoke the person's right to purchase stamps from the department for:

a. Not more than 3 days, if the court finds that the person committed a violation within 12 months after committing one previous violation;

b. Not less than 3 days nor more than 10 days, if the court finds that the person committed a violation within 12 months after committing 2 other violations; or

c. Not less than 15 days nor more than 30 days, if the court finds that the person committed the violation within 12 months after committing 3 other violations.

4. The court shall promptly mail notice of a suspension under this paragraph to the department and to the clerk of each municipality which has issued a license or permit to the person.

(c) *Minors' penalties.* Any person under the age of 18 years who procures or attempts to procure alcohol beverages is subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$25, except that disposition in proceedings against a person who is under 18 years of age on the date of disposition shall be as provided by s. 48 344.

(2) **SALES OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES TO INTOXICATED PERSONS.** (a) *Restrictions.* 1. No person may procure for, sell, dispense or give away alcohol beverages to a person who is intoxicated.

2. No licensee or permittee may sell, vend, deal or traffic in alcohol beverages to or with a person who is intoxicated.

(b) *Penalties.* Any person who violates par. (a) shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 or imprisoned for not more than 60 days or both.

(3) **PRESENCE IN PLACES OF SALE; PENALTY.** (a) *Restrictions.* No person under the age of 18

years, not accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or adult spouse, may enter or be on any premises for which a license or permit for the retail sale of alcohol beverages has been issued, for any purpose except the transaction of business pertaining to the licensed premises with or for the licensee or his or her employe. The business may not be amusement or the purchase, receiving or consumption of edibles or beverages or similar activities which normally constitute activities of a customer of the premises. This paragraph does not apply to:

1. A person under the age of 18 years who is a resident, employe, lodger or boarder on the premises controlled by the proprietor, licensee or permittee of which the licensed premises consists or is a part.

2. A person under the age of 18 years who enters or is on a "Class A" retail intoxicating liquor premises for the purpose of purchasing edibles or beverages other than alcohol beverages. Any person under the age of 18 years so entering the premises may not remain on the premises after the purchase.

3. Hotels, drug stores, grocery stores, bowling alleys, cars operated by any railroad, regularly established athletic fields, stadiums, or public facilities as defined in s. 125.51 (5) (b) 1. d which are owned by a county or municipality.

4. Premises in the state fair park, concessions authorized on state-owned premises in the state parks and state forests as defined or designated in chs. 27 and 28, and parks owned or operated by agricultural societies.

5. Ski chalets, golf clubhouses and private tennis clubs.

6. Premises operated under both a Class "B" or "Class B" license or permit and a restaurant permit where the principal business conducted is that of a restaurant. If the premises are operated under both a Class "B" or "Class B" license or permit and a restaurant permit, the principal business conducted is presumed to be the sale of alcohol beverages, but the presumption may be rebutted by competent evidence.

7. A person under the age of 18 years who enters or remains on a Class "B" or "Class B" premises for the purpose of transacting business at an auction or market as defined in s. 125.32 (4) (b) 1, if the person does not enter or remain in a room where alcohol beverages are sold or furnished.

8. A person under the age of 18 years who enters or remains in a room on Class "B" or "Class B" licensed premises separate from any room where alcohol beverages are sold or served, for the purpose of engaging in marching or drilling with a group of other persons if no alcohol beverages are furnished or consumed by any person in the room where the minor is

present and the minor's presence is authorized under this subdivision. A minor may enter and remain on Class "B" or "Class B" premises under this subdivision only if the municipality which issued the Class "B" or "Class B" license adopts an ordinance permitting minors to enter and remain on the premises as provided in this subdivision and the law enforcement agency responsible for enforcing the ordinance issues to the Class "B" or "Class B" licensee a written authorization permitting minors to be present under this subdivision on the date specified in the authorization. Before issuing the authorization, the law enforcement agency shall make a determination that the presence of minors on the licensed premises will not endanger the health, welfare or safety of the minors or other members of the community. The licensee shall obtain a separate authorization for each date on which minors will be present on the premises.

(b) *Penalties.* 1. A licensee or permittee who directly or indirectly permits a person under the age of 18 years to enter or be on a licensed premises in violation of par. (a) is subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$500.

2. A person under the age of 18 years who enters or is on a premises licensed for the sale of alcohol beverages in violation of par. (a) is subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$25, except that disposition in proceedings against a person who is under 18 years of age on the date of disposition shall be as provided by s. 48.344.

(4) **POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES; CONSUMPTION IN PUBLIC PLACES; PENALTIES.** Any person under the age of 18 years who knowingly possesses or who consumes in public any intoxicating liquor or any person under the age of 18 years, not accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or adult spouse, who knowingly possesses or who consumes in public any fermented malt beverages is subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$25, except that disposition in proceedings against a person under 18 years of age on the date of disposition shall be as provided by s. 48.344. This subsection does not prevent a person under the age of 18 years in the employ of a licensee or permittee from possessing fermented malt beverages for sale or delivery to customers.

(5) **MISREPRESENTATION OF AGE; PENALTY.** Any person who falsely represents that he or she is 18 years of age or over for the purpose of receiving alcohol beverages from a licensee or permittee is subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$25, except that disposition in proceedings against a person who is under 18 years of age on the date of disposition shall be as provided by s. 48.344.

(6) **DEFENSE OF SELLERS.** Proof of the following facts by a seller of alcohol beverages to a person under the age of 18 years is a defense to any prosecution for a violation of this section.

(a) That the purchaser falsely represented in writing and supported with other documentary proof that he or she was 18 years of age or over.

(b) That the appearance of the purchaser was such that an ordinary and prudent person would believe the purchaser to be 18 years of age or over.

(c) That the sale was made in good faith and in reliance on the written representation and appearance of the purchaser in the belief that the purchaser was 18 years of age or over.

(7) **BOOK KEPT BY LICENSEES AND PERMITTEES.** Every retail alcohol beverage licensee or permittee shall cause a book to be kept for the purposes of this subsection. The licensee or permittee or his or her employe shall require any person who has shown documentary proof which substantiates that the person is 18 years of age or over to sign the book if the person's age is in question. The book shall show the date of the purchase of the alcohol beverages, the identification used in making the purchase, the address of the purchaser and the purchaser's signature.

*History:* 1981 c. 79, 202, 391.

**125.08 Proof of age. (1) IDENTIFICATION CARD.** (a) *Form.* The attorney general shall certify to the secretary of administration a standard identification card form. There shall be provision on the card for the applicant's name, date of birth, description and address, for a picture of the applicant, for the card's issuance date and number, for the signatures of the applicant and issuing officer, and for the name, official title and county or 1st class city of the issuing officer.

(b) *Numbering.* The attorney general shall specify a numbering system to be used for identification cards which may include a code designating the county of issuance. All cards shall be numbered prior to their distribution to issuing officers and the numbers shall be recorded by the department of administration.

(c) *Processing.* The department of administration shall contract for the processing of identification cards. The cards shall be processed on material and in the manner the department of administration determines best avoids the possibility of duplication or forgery. The card shall include a facsimile of the coat of arms of this state.

(d) *Distribution.* The department of administration shall distribute blank identification forms only to issuing officers upon their request and payment of costs. Prior to distribution, the

department of administration shall insert on the forms the issuing officer's title and county.

(e) *Use.* No issuing officer may issue any identification card except in accordance with this section. No card other than the identification card authorized under this section may be recognized as an official identification card in this state, except an identification card issued under s. 343.50. In place of an official identification card, documentary proof under s. 125.07 (7) may be substituted.

(2) **APPLICATION AND ISSUANCE OF CARD.**

(a) *Eligibility.* Any person at least 18 years of age may apply to the issuing officer of the county in which he or she resides for issuance of an identification card under this section. Temporary residents of this state or residents temporarily residing in another county, may apply in their county of temporary residence. Each applicant shall submit with the application a birth or baptismal certificate or an official government passport attesting to the applicant's age, and other documents required by the issuing officer. For foreign born applicants, the issuing officer may, in lieu of a birth or baptismal certificate or passport, accept an alien registration receipt card, certificate of naturalization or certificate of citizenship as evidence of age. If the issuing officer is satisfied in circumstances where the applicant appears to be over the age of 60 that good reason exists for the inability of the applicant to submit a birth or baptismal certificate, the officer may accept other sufficient evidence of age.

(b) *Processing.* Prior to issuing an identification card to an applicant, the issuing officer shall require that a black and white photograph of the applicant be affixed to the form and that the form be signed by the applicant and the issuing officer. The issuing officer shall send the completed form to the department of administration for processing of the identification card and the department of administration shall return it to the issuing officer for issuance to the applicant. The department of administration shall charge the issuing officer for its costs under this paragraph.

(c) *Duplicates.* Duplicate identification cards may be issued in the same manner as are original identification cards. The applicant for a duplicate card shall sign a sworn statement that the original card has been lost or stolen and that, if the original card is recovered, the applicant will return it to the issuing office. A duplicate card shall be clearly stamped "duplicate" by the issuing officer, and the issuing officer shall notify the county sheriff of its issuance.

(d) *Fees.* The fee for an identification card is \$3. The fee for a duplicate card is \$5. The

issuing officer shall deposit the fees in the treasury of the county or municipality.

(e) *Issuing officers.* The register of deeds in each county shall be the sole issuing officer in the county.

(f) *Length of time files retained.* The issuing officer may destroy identification card applications after they have been on file for 5 years.

(3) **PENALTIES.** (a) Any person, other than one authorized by this section, who makes, alters or duplicates an official identification card may be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 or imprisoned not less than 10 days nor more than 30 days or both.

(b) Any person under the age of 18 years who intentionally carries an official identification card not legally issued to him or her, a legally issued card obtained under false pretenses or a legally issued card which has been altered or duplicated to convey false information may be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$50. A law enforcement officer shall confiscate any card that violates this paragraph.

(c) Any person who, in applying for an identification card, presents false information to the issuing officer may be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 or imprisoned not more than 10 days or both.

*History:* 1981 c. 44; 1981 c. 202 s. 1; 1981 c. 391.

**125.09 General restrictions. (1) PUBLIC PLACE.** No owner, lessee or person in charge of a public place may permit the consumption of alcohol beverages on the premises of the public place, unless the person has an appropriate retail license or permit. This subsection does not apply to municipalities, buildings and parks owned by counties, regularly established athletic fields and stadiums, school buildings, churches, premises in a state fair park or clubs.

(2) **POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS PROHIBITED.** (a) In this subsection:

1. "Motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle owned, rented or consigned to a school.

2. "School" means a public, parochial or private school which provides an educational program for one or more grades between grades 1 and 12 and which is commonly known as an elementary school, middle school, junior high school, senior high school or high school.

3. "School administrator" means the person designated by the governing body of a school as ultimately responsible for the ordinary operations of a school.

4. "School premises" means premises owned, rented or under the control of a school.

(b) Except as provided by par. (c) no person may possess or consume alcohol beverages:

1. On school premises;

2. In a motor vehicle, if a pupil attending the school is in the motor vehicle; or

3. While participating in a school-sponsored activity.

(c) Alcohol beverages may be possessed or consumed on school premises, in motor vehicles or by participants in school-sponsored activities if specifically permitted in writing by the school administrator consistent with applicable laws and ordinances.

(d) A person who violates this subsection is subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$200, except that disposition in proceedings against a person who is under 18 years of age on the date of disposition shall be as provided by s. 48.344.

(3) **PLACE-TO-PLACE DELIVERIES.** No person may peddle any alcohol beverage from house to house where the sale and delivery are made concurrently.

(6) **MUNICIPAL STORES.** No municipality may engage in the sale of alcohol beverages, except as authorized under s. 125.26 (6). This subsection does not apply to municipal stores in operation on November 6, 1969.

*History:* 1981 c. 79, 158.

**125.10 Municipal regulation. (1) AUTHORIZATION.** Any municipality may enact regulations incorporating any part of this chapter and may prescribe additional regulations for the sale of alcohol beverages, not in conflict with this chapter. The municipality may prescribe forfeitures or license suspension or revocation for violations of any such regulations. Regulations providing forfeitures or license suspension or revocation must be adopted by ordinance.

(2) **REGULATION OF MINORS.** A municipality or a county may adopt an ordinance regulating conduct regulated by s. 125.07 (1), (3), (4) and (5) or 125.09 (2) only if it strictly conforms to the statutory subsection. A county ordinance adopted under this subsection does not apply within any municipality that has adopted or adopts an ordinance under this subsection.

(3) **ZONING.** Except as provided in ss. 125.05 and 125.68, this chapter does not affect the power of municipalities to enact or enforce zoning regulations.

(4) **CHECK-OUT CLERKS.** No municipality may enact an ordinance forbidding persons 18 years of age or over from acting as check-out clerks or delivery personnel in grocery stores licensed to sell fermented malt beverages or prohibiting such check-out clerks from selling fermented malt beverages on the licensed premises or delivering them from the licensed premises to the cars or homes of customers.

*History:* 1981 c. 79, 202.

**125.11 Penalties. (1) VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER.** (a) *First offense.* Any person who violates any provision of this chapter for which a specific penalty is not provided, shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned for not more than 90 days or both. Any license or permit issued to the person under this chapter may be revoked by the court.

(b) *Felony.* If a person is convicted of a felony under this chapter, in addition to the penalties provided for the felony, the court shall revoke any license or permit issued to the person under this chapter.

(c) *Subsequent offenses.* If a person is convicted of a 2nd or subsequent offense to which par. (a) applies in the same license year as a prior conviction to which par. (a) applies, in addition to the penalties provided for the offense under par. (a), any license or permit issued to the person under this chapter shall be forfeited without notice and the person shall forfeit the right to purchase any stamps from the department.

**(2) VIOLATIONS OF DEPARTMENT'S RULES.** Any person who violates any rule promulgated by the department under s. 125.03 (1) shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned for not more than 90 days or both.

**(3) IMPERSONATING AN OFFICER.** Any person who impersonates an inspector, agent or other employe of the department or of the department of justice shall be fined not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 or imprisoned in the county jail for not less than 6 months nor more than one year or both.

*History:* 1981 c. 79.

**125.12 Revocations, suspensions, refusals to issue or renew. (1) REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, NONISSUANCE OR NONRENEWAL OF LICENSE.** Any municipality or the department may revoke, suspend or refuse to renew any license or permit under this chapter, as provided in this section.

**(2) REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF LICENSES BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES.** (a) *Complaint; summons.* Any resident of a municipality issuing licenses under this chapter may file a sworn written complaint with the clerk of the municipality alleging that a person holding a license issued under this chapter by the municipality has violated this chapter or municipal regulations adopted under s. 125.10, keeps or maintains a disorderly or riotous, indecent or improper house, has sold or given away alcohol beverages to known habitual drunkards or does not possess the qualifications required under this chapter to hold the license. Upon the filing of the complaint, the municipal governing body shall issue a summons, signed by the clerk and

directed to any peace officer in the municipality. The summons shall command the licensee complained of to appear before the municipal governing body on a day and place named in the summons, not less than 3 days and not more than 10 days from the date of issuance, and show cause why his or her license should not be revoked or suspended. The summons and a copy of the complaint shall be served on the licensee at least 3 days before the time at which the licensee is commanded to appear. Service shall be in the manner provided under ch. 801 for service in civil actions in circuit court.

(b) *Procedure on hearing.* If the licensee does not appear as required by the summons, the allegations of the complaint shall be taken as true and if the municipal governing body finds the allegations sufficient, the license shall be revoked. The clerk shall give notice of the revocation to the person whose license is revoked. If the licensee appears as required by the summons and denies the complaint, both the complainant and the licensee may produce witnesses, cross-examine witnesses and be represented by counsel. The licensee shall be provided a written transcript of the hearing at his or her expense. If, upon the hearing, the municipal governing body finds the complaint to be true, the license shall either be suspended for not less than 10 days nor more than 90 days or revoked. The clerk shall give notice of the suspension or revocation to the person whose license is suspended or revoked. If the municipal governing body finds the complaint untrue, the proceeding shall be dismissed without cost to the accused. If the municipal governing body finds the complaint to be malicious and without probable cause, the costs shall be paid by the complainant. The municipal governing body may require the complainant to provide security for such costs before issuing the summons under par. (a).

(c) *Effect of revocation.* When a license is revoked under this subsection, the revocation shall be recorded by the clerk and no other license issued under this chapter may be granted within 12 months of the date of revocation to the person whose license was revoked. No part of the fee paid for any license so revoked may be refunded.

(d) *Judicial review.* The action of any municipal governing body in granting or failing to grant, suspending or revoking any license, or the failure of any municipal governing body to revoke or suspend any license for good cause, may be reviewed by the circuit court for the county in which the application for the license was issued, upon application by any applicant, licensee or resident of the municipality. The procedure on review shall be the same as in civil actions

instituted in the circuit court. The person desiring review shall file pleadings, which shall be served on the municipal governing body in the manner provided in ch. 801 for service in civil actions and a copy of the pleadings shall be served on the applicant or licensee. The municipal governing body, applicant or licensee shall have 20 days to file an answer to the complaint. Following filing of the answer, the matter shall be deemed at issue and hearing may be had within 5 days, upon due notice served upon the opposing party. The hearing shall be before the court without a jury. Subpoenas for witnesses may be issued and their attendance compelled. The decision of the court shall be filed within 10 days after the hearing and a copy of the decision shall be transmitted to each of the parties. The decision shall be binding unless it is appealed to the court of appeals.

**(3) REFUSALS BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO RENEW LICENSES.** A municipality issuing licenses under this chapter may refuse to renew a license for the causes provided in sub. (2) (a). Prior to the time for the renewal of the license, the municipal governing body shall notify the licensee in writing of its intention not to renew the license and provide the licensee with an opportunity for a hearing. The notice shall state the reasons for the intended action. The hearing shall be conducted as provided in sub. (2) (b) and judicial review shall be as provided in sub. (2) (d).

**(4) SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES ON COMPLAINT OF THE DEPARTMENT.**  
**(a) Complaint; summons.** A duly authorized employe of the department may file a complaint with the clerk of circuit court for the jurisdiction in which the premises of a person holding a license issued under this chapter is situated, alleging that the licensee has violated this chapter, keeps or maintains a disorderly or riotous, indecent or improper house, has sold alcohol beverages to known habitual drunkards, has failed to maintain the premises in accordance with the standards of sanitation prescribed by the department of health and social services, has permitted known criminals or prostitutes to loiter on the licensed premises or does not possess the qualifications required under this chapter to hold the license. Upon the filing of the complaint, the clerk of the court shall issue a summons commanding the licensee to appear before the court not less than 20 days from its date of issuance and show cause why his or her license should not be revoked or suspended. The summons and a copy of the complaint shall be served at least 20 days before the date on which the person is commanded to appear. Service shall be in the manner provided in ch. 801 for civil actions in circuit court.

**(b) Procedure on hearing.** If the licensee does not appear as required by the summons, the allegations of the complaint shall be taken as true and if the court finds the allegations sufficient, it shall order the license either suspended for not more than 90 days or revoked. The clerk of the court shall give notice of the suspension or revocation to the person whose license is suspended or revoked. If the licensee appears and answers the complaint, the court shall fix a date for the hearing not more than 30 days after the return date of the summons. The hearing shall be had before the court without a jury. If upon the hearing the court finds the allegations of the complaint to be true, it shall order the license either suspended for not more than 90 days or revoked. If the court finds the allegations of the complaint to be untrue, the complaint shall be dismissed.

**(c) Effect of revocation or suspension.** When a license is revoked or suspended under this subsection, the clerk of court shall notify the authority which issued the license. If the license is revoked, no other license may be issued under this chapter to the person whose license was revoked or to any person related to him or her as owner, lessor, bailor or lender, within the 12 months after the date of revocation and no other license may be granted for the premises covered by the revoked license within 60 days of the date of revocation. The findings and order of the court shall be filed within 10 days after the hearing and the order shall be final unless appeal is taken to the court of appeals. If an appeal is taken from a revocation, any period during which the order is stayed shall be added to the 12 months and 60 days, respectively. No part of the fee paid for any license which is revoked may be refunded. Whenever any court has revoked or suspended any license under this subsection, no further proceedings shall be commenced under this subsection except upon grounds arising after the original revocation or suspension.

**(5) REVOCATIONS OR SUSPENSIONS OF, OR REFUSALS TO RENEW, PERMITS BY THE DEPARTMENT.** The department may, after notice and an opportunity for hearing, revoke, suspend or refuse to renew any retail permit issued by it for the causes provided in sub. (4) and any other permit issued by it under this chapter for any violation of this chapter or ch. 139. A revocation, suspension or refusal to renew is a contested case under ch. 227.

**History:** 1981 c. 79.

**125.13 Report of suspension, revocation or imposition of penalty.** Whenever a municipal governing body or court revokes or suspends a license or permit or imposes a penalty on a



licensee or permittee for the violation of this chapter, the clerk of the municipality or court revoking or suspending the license or imposing the penalty shall, within 10 days after the revocation, suspension or imposition of penalty, mail a report to the department at Madison, Wisconsin, giving the name of the licensee, the address of the licensed premises and a full description of the penalty imposed.

History: 1981 c. 79.

**125.14 Enforcement provisions. (1) ARREST.** Any peace officer may arrest without warrant any person committing in his or her presence a violation of this chapter or ch. 139 and may, without a search warrant, seize any personal property used in connection with the violation.

**(2) CONFISCATION; DISPOSAL.** (a) *Contra-band.* All alcohol beverages owned, possessed, kept, stored, manufactured, sold, distributed or transported in violation of this chapter or ch. 139 and all personal property used in connection therewith is unlawful property and may be seized by any peace officer. Any peace officer confiscating personal property under this section may proceed under this section.

(c) *Identification.* Any person seizing alcohol beverages or personal property and electing to dispose of it under this subsection shall exercise reasonable diligence to ascertain the name and address of the owner of the alcohol beverages or property and of all persons holding a security interest in the property seized. The person shall report his or her findings in writing to the department.

(d) *Order.* Upon conviction of any person for owning, possessing, keeping, storing, manufacturing, selling, distributing or transporting alcohol beverages in violation of this chapter or ch. 139, the court shall order part or all of the alcohol beverages or personal property seized to be destroyed if it is unfit for sale. Alcohol beverages and other personal property fit for sale shall be turned over to the department for disposition. Upon receipt of the confiscated property, the department shall exercise reasonable diligence to ascertain the names and addresses of all owners of the property and of all persons holding a security interest in the property. If a motor vehicle is confiscated, the department shall obtain the written advice of the department of transportation as to the ownership of the motor vehicle and shall make a reasonable search for perfected security interests in the vehicle.

(e) *Disposal.* The department shall dispose of the alcohol beverages turned over to it by the court by either giving it to state-operated veterans' hospitals in amounts needed for medicinal

purposes, selling it to the highest bidder if the bidder is a person holding a license or permit issued under this chapter, or destroying it, at the discretion of the department. If the department elects to sell the alcohol beverages, it shall publish a class 2 notice under ch. 985 asking for sealed bids from qualified bidders. Any items or groups of items in the inventory subject to a security interest, the existence of which was established in the proceedings for conviction as being bona fide and as having been created without the secured party having notice that the items were being used or were to be used in connection with the violation, shall be sold separately. The net proceeds from the sale, less all costs of seizure, storage and sale, shall be turned over to the state treasurer and credited to the common school fund.

(f) *Sale.* Any personal property, other than alcohol beverages, seized under par. (a) and fit for sale, shall be turned over by the department to the department of administration for disposal at public auction to the highest bidder, at a time and place stated in a notice of sale which describes the property to be sold. The sale shall be held in a conveniently accessible place in the county where the property was confiscated. A copy of the notice shall be published as a class 2 notice under ch. 985. The last insertion shall be at least 10 days before the sale. The department of revenue shall serve a copy of the notice of sale at least 2 weeks before the date thereof on all persons who are or may be owners or holders of security interests in the property. Any confiscated property worth more than \$100 shall be sold separately, and the balance of the confiscated property shall be sold in bulk or separately at the discretion of the department of administration. The net proceeds from the sale, less all costs of seizure, storage and sale, shall be turned over to the state treasurer. No motor vehicle or motorboat confiscated under this section may be sold within 30 days after the date of seizure.

**(3) RECOVERY OF CONFISCATED PROPERTY.**

(a) *Application.* Prior to sale under sub. (2) (f), the owner of confiscated property may apply to a court of record in the county where the property was seized for an order restoring the property to the owner. After the sale, the owner may apply to the court for a refund of the amount realized on the sale. After the sale, any holder of a security interest in the property may apply to the court for a refund of the sum realized on the sale of property subject to the security interest, but not more than the amount due under the security agreement.

(b) *Deadline.* The application shall be made within one year after the sale of the property. A copy of the application and the order setting a

hearing on it shall be served on the department at least 20 days before the date set for hearing.

(c) **Grounds.** Relief shall be granted only after a showing by the applicant that he or she is the true owner or holder of a bona fide security interest in the property seized; that the violation which led to the confiscation was not with his or her knowledge, consent or connivance; and, that he or she had no reasonable grounds to believe or suspect that the property would be used in a violation.

(d) **Costs.** The court may determine whether the applicant shall pay the costs of seizure and sale as a condition of obtaining relief. Allowance of costs and disbursements shall be within the discretion of the court.

(4) **BONDED WRECKER.** The department may contract with bonded wreckers to destroy stills seized under sub. (2) (a) and turned over to it under sub. (2) (d).

(5) **NUISANCES.** Any building or place where alcohol beverages or alcohol is sold, possessed, stored, brewed, bottled, manufactured or rectified without a valid permit or license issued under this chapter or ch. 139, or where persons are permitted to drink alcohol beverages in violation of this chapter is a public nuisance and may be closed until the activity in violation of this chapter is abated. When the activity is abated, the building or place may be used for any lawful purpose.

(6) **FORM OF COMPLAINT.** In a prosecution for a violation of a statute relating to the sale of alcohol beverages it is not necessary to allege in the complaint, information or indictment the kind or quantity of alcohol beverages sold or the person to whom it was sold. It is sufficient to allege generally that the defendant sold alcohol beverages at a time and place mentioned, together with a brief statement of the facts showing that the sale was a violation of this chapter.

**History:** 1981 c. 79.

**125.15 Furnishing bail.** No person holding a license or retail permit relating to alcohol beverages may furnish bail for any person charged with violating this chapter or ch. 139.

**History:** 1981 c. 79.

**125.16 Actions to recover price denied.** No action may be brought to recover the price of any alcohol beverages sold in violation of this chapter or ch. 139.

**History:** 1981 c. 79.

#### **125.17 Issuance of operators' licenses.**

(1) **AUTHORIZATION.** Every municipal governing body may issue operators' licenses. Operators' licenses may not be required other than for the purpose of complying with ss. 125.32 (2)

and 125.68 (2). Operators' licenses may be issued only upon written application.

(2) **VALIDITY.** Operators' licenses are valid only within the issuing municipality.

(3) **FEE.** The municipal governing body shall establish by ordinance a fee for the operator's license. Except as provided under sub. (4), a license shall be valid for one or 2 years, as determined by the municipal governing body, and shall expire on June 30, except in 1st class cities the license shall expire on December 31.

(4) **TEMPORARY LICENSE.** Any municipal governing body may issue a temporary operator's license under the terms of subs. (1) to (3), except that:

(a) This license may be issued only to operators employed by, or donating their services to, nonprofit corporations.

(b) No person may hold more than one license of this kind per year.

(c) The license is valid for any period from one day to 14 days, and the period for which it is valid shall be stated on the license.

**History:** 1981 c. 79, 170.

#### **125.18 Issuance of managers' licenses.**

(1) **AUTHORIZATION.** A municipal governing body may provide by ordinance for the issuance of managers' licenses. Managers' licenses may not be required other than for the purpose of complying with ss. 125.32 (1) and 125.68 (1). Managers' licenses may be issued only upon written application.

(2) **VALIDITY.** Managers' licenses are valid only within the issuing municipality.

(3) **FEE.** The municipal governing body may establish by ordinance a fee for the manager's license, but the fee may not exceed \$25 per year. The license shall be valid for no more than one year and shall expire on June 30.

**History:** 1981 c. 79, 391.

#### **125.19 Alcohol beverage warehouse permit.**

(1) **ISSUANCE.** The department shall issue an alcohol beverage warehouse permit which authorizes the permittee to store and warehouse alcohol beverages in warehouse premises covered by the permit, subject to rules adopted by the department. The permit does not authorize the sale of any alcohol beverages.

(2) **ELIGIBILITY.** Alcohol beverage warehouse permits may be issued to any person qualified under s. 125.04 (5), except a person acting as an agent for or in the employ of another.

(3) **FEE.** The annual fee for an alcohol beverage warehouse permit is \$100 for each place covered by a permit.

**History:** 1981 c. 79.

**125.20 Coin-operated machine distributors; permit; restrictions.** (1) PERMIT REQUIRED. No person may set up coin-operated cigarette machines, jukeboxes or amusement devices on premises covered by a license or permit issued under this chapter without obtaining a permit from the department to engage in such business.

(2) FORMS. The department shall prescribe the application forms for the permit required by this section.

(3) OTHER REQUIREMENTS. Applicants for permits under this section must satisfy the requirements of s. 139.34 (1) (c) to qualify for a permit.

(4) REVOCATION. The department may revoke a permit issued under this section after a hearing if the permittee does any of the following:

(a) Uses force, violence or threats of force or violence to obtain locations for the coin-operated machines.

(b) After receiving the permit does not satisfy the qualifications of s. 139.34 (1) (b) and (c).

(5) WRITTEN DENIAL OR REVOCATION. Any department denial of an application for a permit issued under sub. (1) or order of revocation of the permit shall be in writing and shall give the reasons for the denial or revocation. The denial or revocation is subject to review under ch. 227.

(6) PENALTY. No person holding a permit issued under this section may engage in the loan, use or forbearance of money, goods or things in action to any person holding a license or permit issued under this chapter. Any person who violates this subsection shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year in the county jail or both. If the holder of a permit issued under this section is convicted of a violation of this subsection, the department shall revoke the permit.

(7) EXEMPTION. This section does not apply to persons holding cigarette vending machine operators' permits under s. 139.34 (1).

(8) GENERAL PENALTY. A person who violates this section, other than sub. (6), is subject to s. 125.66 (1).

History: 1981 c. 79, 391.

## SUBCHAPTER II

### FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGES

**125.25 Class "A" licenses.** (1) Every municipal governing body may issue Class "A" licenses for the sale of fermented malt beverages from premises within the municipality. A Class "A" license authorizes retail sales of fermented

malt beverages for consumption off the premises where sold and in original packages, containers and bottles.

(2) Class "A" licenses may be issued to any person qualified under s. 125.04 (5), except a person acting as an agent for or in the employ of another.

(3) Class "A" licenses shall particularly describe the premises for which issued and are not transferable, except under s. 125.04 (12). A Class "A" license is subject to revocation for violation of any of the terms or provisions thereof.

(4) The fee for a Class "A" license shall be determined by the municipal governing body issuing the license.

History: 1981 c. 79.

**125.26 Class "B" licenses.** (1) Every municipal governing body may issue Class "B" licenses for the sale of fermented malt beverages from premises within the municipality. A Class "B" license authorizes retail sales of fermented malt beverages to be consumed either on the premises where sold or off the premises. Persons holding a Class "B" license may sell beverages containing less than 0.5% of alcohol by volume without obtaining a license under s. 66.053 (1).

(2) Class "B" licenses may be issued to any person qualified under s. 125.04 (5), except a foreign corporation. Such licenses may not be issued to any person acting as agent for or in the employ of another except that this restriction does not apply to a hotel or restaurant which is not a part of or located on the premises of any mercantile establishment, or to a bona fide club, society or lodge that has been in existence for at least 6 months before the date of application. A Class "B" license for a hotel, restaurant, club, society or lodge may be issued in the name of an officer who shall be personally responsible for compliance with this chapter. Except as provided in ss. 125.28 (2) and 125.31, Class "B" licenses may not be issued to brewers or fermented malt beverages wholesalers.

(3) Class "B" licenses shall particularly describe the premises for which issued and are not transferable, except as provided in s. 125.04 (12). A Class "B" license is subject to revocation for violation of any of the terms or provisions thereof.

(4) The fee for a Class "B" license shall be determined by the municipal governing body issuing the license but the fee may not exceed \$100 per year.

(5) Class "B" licenses may be issued at any time for a period of 6 months in any calendar year, for which 75% of the license fee shall be

paid. Such licenses are not renewable during the calendar year in which issued.

(6) Class "B" licenses may also be issued to bona fide clubs, state, county or local fair associations or agricultural societies, lodges or societies that have been in existence for at least 6 months before the date of application and posts of veterans' organizations authorizing the sale of fermented malt beverages at a particular picnic or similar gathering, at a meeting of the post, or during a fair conducted by the fair association or agricultural society. The amount of the fee for the license shall be determined by the municipal governing body issuing the license but may not exceed \$10. A license issued to the state fair or to a county or district fair licenses the entire fairgrounds where the fair is being conducted and all persons engaging in retail sales of fermented malt beverages from leased stands on the fairgrounds. The state fair or county or district fair to which the license is issued may lease stands on the fairgrounds to persons who may engage in retail sales of fermented malt beverages from the stands while the fair is being held. No such person is required to obtain an operator's license in order to engage in retail sales of fermented malt beverages on the grounds of the state fair or other fairs receiving state aid.

History: 1981 c. 79.

**125.27 Class "B" permits. (1) SPORTS CLUBS.** (a) The department shall issue Class "B" permits to clubs that are operated solely for the playing of golf or tennis and are commonly known as country clubs, clubs that are operated solely for the playing of curling and yachting clubs, if the club is not open to the general public and if no Class "B" licenses are issued by the governing body of the municipality in which the club is located. A Class "B" permit authorizes retail sales of fermented malt beverages to be consumed on the premises where sold. Persons holding a Class "B" permit may sell beverages containing less than 0.5% of alcohol by volume without obtaining a license under s. 66.053 (1).

(b) A club applying for a Class "B" permit under this subsection shall have occupied the premises on which it is located on the date of filing the application for a period of 6 months prior to that date.

(c) The annual fee for a Class "B" permit is \$10 and shall be paid to the treasurer of the municipality in which the club is located.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, all sections of this chapter relating to Class "B" licenses apply to Class "B" permits issued under this subsection.

(2) **VESSELS.** (a) The department may issue a Class "B" permit to any person qualified

under s. 125.04 (5) authorizing the sale of fermented malt beverages for consumption on any vessel having a regular place of mooring located in any waters of this state as defined under s. 29.01 (4) if the vessel is certified by the U.S. coast guard and has an approved passenger capacity of not less than 100 individuals, and if the sale of intoxicating liquor and fermented malt beverages on the vessel accounts for less than 50% of the gross receipts of the vessel. The department may issue the permit only if the vessel customarily leaves its place of mooring while the sale of fermented malt beverages is taking place.

(b) Persons holding a permit under this subsection may sell beverages containing less than 0.5% of alcohol by volume without obtaining a license under s. 66.053 (1).

(c) The annual fee for the permit is \$100.

(d) Except as provided in this subsection, all sections of this chapter applying to Class "B" licenses apply to Class "B" permits issued under this subsection.

History: 1981 c. 79, 202.

**125.28 Wholesalers' licenses. (1)**

**WHOLESALERS.** (a) Every municipal governing body may issue licenses to wholesalers for the sale of fermented malt beverages from premises within the municipality. A wholesaler's license authorizes sales of fermented malt beverages only in original packages or containers to retailers or wholesalers, not to be consumed in or about the premises where sold. In the case of a foreign corporation whose wholesale premises is located outside of this state, the wholesaler's license shall be issued by the governing body of the municipality in which some part of the wholesaler's business is conducted in this state. No additional license or permit is required for the solicitation of orders for sale to or by licensed wholesalers.

(b) Wholesalers' licenses may be issued to any person qualified under s. 125.04 (5). Except as provided in sub. (2) or s. 125.31, wholesalers' licenses may not be issued to persons holding a Class "B" license or permit.

(c) Wholesalers' licenses shall particularly describe the premises for which issued and are not transferable, except as provided in s. 125.04 (12). A wholesaler's license is subject to revocation for violation of any of the terms or provisions thereof.

(d) The amount of the license fee shall be determined by the municipal governing body issuing the license but may not exceed \$25 per year or fractional part thereof.

(2) **CLASS "B" RETAILERS.** (a) Every municipal governing body may issue a special wholesaler's license to any Class "B" licensee for the

sale of fermented malt beverages from premises within the municipality. A special wholesaler's license authorizes the sale of fermented malt beverages only in original packages or containers and in quantities of not less than 4.5 gallons at any one time for consumption on the premises.

(b) The amount of the license fee shall be determined by the municipal governing body issuing the license but may not exceed \$25 per year.

**History:** 1981 c. 79.

**125.29 Brewers. (1) REGISTRATION.** Every brewer shall file with the department, in the form prescribed by the department, proof that the brewer is the possessor of a permit issued by the federal government and the permit number assigned to the brewer. The department shall register the permit number in the name of the brewer.

(2) **LIMITATION.** Except as provided in s. 125.31 (1), no person holding a Class "B" license or permit issued under this chapter may register as a brewer.

(3) **ACTIVITIES.** A brewer may manufacture, possess and store fermented malt beverages on the brewery premises and transport fermented malt beverages between the brewery premises and any depot or warehouse maintained by the brewer for which the brewer has a wholesaler's license issued under s. 125.28 (1).

**History:** 1981 c. 79.

**125.30 Out-of-state shippers' permits; delivery to wholesalers. (1)** The department shall issue out-of-state shippers' permits which authorize the permittee to ship fermented malt beverages only to holders of a wholesaler's license issued under s. 125.28. No person may receive fermented malt beverages in this state which have been directly shipped from outside this state by any person other than the holder of a permit issued under this section. All shipments of fermented malt beverages from outside this state to a wholesaler of fermented malt beverages in this state shall be unloaded in and distributed from the wholesaler's warehouse in this state.

(2) The application for an out-of-state shipper's permit and the permit shall be on forms prescribed by the department which shall contain provisions determined by the department as necessary to effectuate the purposes of ss. 139.01 to 139.25 and shall include a provision that the permittee agrees:

(a) To comply with s. 139.05 relating to filing a bond, filing returns, paying taxes and recordkeeping;

(b) To permit inspections and examinations of the permittee's premises and records by the department and its duly authorized employees, as authorized under s. 139.08 (4); and

(c) To pay the expenses reasonably attributable to such inspections and examinations made within the United States.

(3) Out-of-state shippers' permits may be issued to any person qualified under s. 125.04 (5). Notwithstanding s. 125.04 (5) (a), natural persons obtaining out-of-state shippers' permits are not required to be residents of this state. Notwithstanding s. 125.04 (6), corporations obtaining out-of-state shippers' permits are not required to appoint agents.

(4) Out-of-state shippers' permits shall be issued free of charge.

(5) The department may revoke or suspend an out-of-state shipper's permit for such time as the department determines, if the permittee violates any provision of the application or ss. 139.01 to 139.25.

**History:** 1981 c. 79.

**125.31 Multiple licenses and permits. (1) BREWERS.** (a) Notwithstanding ss. 125.29 (2) and 125.33 (1), a brewer may maintain and operate a place on brewery premises and a place on real estate owned by the brewer or a subsidiary or affiliate corporation for the sale of fermented malt beverages for which a Class "B" license is required for each place, but not more than 2 such Class "B" licenses shall be issued to any brewer. Notwithstanding ss. 125.29 (2) and 125.33 (1), a brewer may also own, maintain or operate places for the sale of fermented malt beverages on any state or county fairgrounds located in this state. Any Class "B" license necessary in connection with this paragraph shall be issued to the brewer. Notwithstanding s. 125.33 (1), a brewer may own the furniture, fixtures, fittings, furnishings and equipment on such premises and shall pay any license fee or tax required for the operation of the premises.

(b) A brewer may own, maintain or operate depots and warehouses from which sales of fermented malt beverages, not for consumption in or about the premises where sold, may be made in original packages to retailers and wholesalers. A separate wholesaler's license is required for each depot or warehouse owned, maintained or operated.

(c) A brewer may sell fermented malt beverages in the original packages or containers, not to be consumed on the premises where sold:

1. To retailers and wholesalers, if the brewer obtains a wholesaler's license; or

2. To persons other than licensees and permittees, if the brewer obtains a Class "A" license.

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**(2) RETAILERS.** (a) Not more than 2 Class "A" licenses may be issued to one person. In each application for a Class "A" license, the applicant shall state that application has not been made for more than one other Class "A" license.

(b) Not more than 2 Class "B" licenses may be issued to one person. In each application for a Class "B" license, the applicant shall state that application has not been made for more than one other Class "B" license.

**History:** 1981 c. 79.

**125.32 General restrictions and requirements. (1) MANAGERS' LICENSES; CLASS "B" PREMISES.**

(a) If a municipal governing body elects to issue managers' licenses under s. 125.18, no person may manage premises operating under a Class "B" license issued by that municipality, unless the person is the licensee, an agent of a corporation appointed as required by s. 125.04 (6) or the holder of a manager's license. A person manages Class "B" premises if that person has responsibility or authority for:

1. Personnel management of all employees, whether or not the person is authorized to sign employment contracts;

2. The terms of contracts for the purchase or sale of goods or services, whether or not the person is authorized to sign the contracts; or

3. The daily operations of the Class "B" premises.

(b) The municipal governing body may, by ordinance, define factors in addition to those listed in par. (a) which constitute management of Class "B" premises.

**(2) OPERATORS' LICENSES; CLASS "A" OR CLASS "B" PREMISES.** No premises operated under a Class "A" or Class "B" license or permit may be open for business unless there is upon the premises the licensee, the agent named in the license if the licensee is a corporation, the agent named in a Class "B" permit or some person who has an operator's license and who is responsible for the acts of all persons serving any fermented malt beverages to customers. For the purpose of this subsection, any person holding a manager's license under s. 125.18 or any member of the licensee's immediate family 18 years of age or older shall be considered the holder of an operator's license. No person, including members of the licensee's immediate family under the age of 18 years, other than the licensee or agent may serve fermented malt beverages in any place operated under a Class "A" or Class "B" license or permit unless he or she has an operator's license or is under the immediate supervision of the licensee or agent or a person holding an operator's license, who is on the premises at the time of the service.

**(3) CLOSING HOURS.** (a) In any county having a population of less than 500,000, except in a 1st class city which is located in more than one county, no premises for which a Class "B" license or permit is issued may remain open between the hours of 1 a.m. and 8 a.m., except as provided in this subsection. During that portion of each year for which the standard time is advanced under s. 175.095, the closing hours shall be between 2 a.m. and 8 a.m. and on January 1 the closing hours shall be between 3 a.m. and 8 a.m. Between 12 midnight and 8 a.m. no person may sell fermented malt beverages on Class "B" licensed premises in an original unopened package, container or bottle or for consumption away from the premises.

(b) Class "A" premises may remain open for the conduct of their regular business but may not sell fermented malt beverages between 12 midnight and 8 a.m.

(c) Hotels and restaurants whose principal business is the furnishing of food and lodging to patrons, bowling alleys and golf courses may remain open for the conduct of their regular business but may not sell fermented malt beverages during the hours specified in par. (a).

(d) A municipality may, by ordinance, impose more restrictive hours than are provided in this subsection.

**(4) LIMITATIONS ON OTHER BUSINESS; CLASS "B" PREMISES.** (a) No Class "B" license or permit may be granted for any premises where any other business is conducted in connection with the premises, except that this restriction does not apply if the premises for which the Class "B" license or permit is issued is connected to premises where other business is conducted by a secondary doorway which serves as a safety exit and is not the primary entrance to the Class "B" premises. No other business may be conducted on premises operating under a Class "B" license or permit. These restrictions do not apply to any of the following:

1. A hotel.

2. A restaurant which is not a part of or located in any mercantile establishment.

3. A combination grocery store and tavern.

4. A combination sporting goods store and tavern in towns, villages and 4th class cities.

5. A combination novelty store and tavern.

6. A bowling alley or recreation premises.

7. A club, society or lodge that has been in existence for 6 months or more prior to the date of filing application for the Class "B" license or permit.

(b) 1. In this paragraph "market" means the retail sale of secondhand or antique merchandise or art.

2. Notwithstanding par. (a), a market or an auction may be conducted on premises for which

a Class "B" license has been granted, if the number of days on which a market is held and the number of days on which an auction is held on the premises do not exceed a combined total of 4 days each month. A day on which both an auction and a market are held shall be counted as 2 days for the purpose of computing the total number of days on which auctions or markets are held.

3. No Class "B" license may be granted for premises on which an auction or the retail sale of secondhand or antique merchandise or art, other than sales in the ordinary course of business authorized under par. (a), has been conducted within one year before the date of filing the application. The subdivision does not apply if the auction or market conducted on the licensed premises was authorized under subd. 2.

4. No person may consume, sell, give away or furnish alcohol beverages on Class "B" licensed premises if an auction or market authorized under subd. 2 is being conducted except in a room in which no activity related to the auction or market is being conducted.

**(5) SIGNS NEAR TAPS AND BRANDS ON TAP; CLASS "B" PREMISES.** (a) Every Class "B" licensee or permittee selling or offering for sale draught fermented malt beverages shall display a sign on or near each tap or faucet disclosing the brand of fermented malt beverage drawn from the tap or faucet and the name of its brewer. The sign shall be visible to patrons from a distance of at least 10 feet. No Class "B" licensee or permittee may substitute any other brand of fermented malt beverage in place of the brand designated on the sign.

(b) Any licensee or permittee who violates par. (a) shall be fined not more than \$15.

**(6) LIMITATIONS ON BEVERAGES ON WHOLESALE AND RETAIL PREMISES.** (a) No person, including a fermented malt beverage licensee or permittee or an agent, servant or employe of such licensees or permittees, may possess on the premises covered by a retail or wholesale fermented malt beverages license or permit any alcohol beverages not authorized by law for sale on the premises.

(b) No fermented malt beverage licensee or permittee may keep any beverages of an alcoholic content prohibited by federal law on the premises covered by the license or permit.

**(7) LABELS.** (a) No fermented malt beverages may be sold, offered or exposed for sale, kept in possession with intent to sell, or served on any premises for which a license or permit for the sale of fermented malt beverages has been issued unless each barrel, keg, cask, bottle or other container bears a label or other identification with the name and address of the brewer.

The possession of any fermented malt beverages which are not so identified on any premises for which a license or permit for the sale of fermented malt beverages has been issued is prima facie evidence that the fermented malt beverages are possessed with intent to sell, offer for sale, display for sale or give away.

(b) No container containing fermented malt beverages may be sold, offered or exposed for sale, kept in possession with intent to sell or served on any premises for which a license or permit for the sale of fermented malt beverages has been issued unless there is a label or other identification on the container bearing a statement of its contents in fluid ounces in plain legible type.

History: 1981 c 79

**125.33 Restrictions on dealings between brewers, wholesalers and retailers. (1)**

**FURNISHING THINGS OF VALUE.** (a) Except as provided in this section, s. 125.28 (2) or 125.31 (1), no brewer or wholesaler may furnish, give, lend, lease or sell any furniture, fixtures, fittings, equipment, money or other thing of value to any campus or Class "B" licensee or permittee, or to any person for the use, benefit or relief of any campus or Class "B" licensee or permittee, or guarantee the repayment of any loan or the fulfillment of any financial obligation of any campus or Class "B" licensee or permittee. Such actions may not be taken by the brewer or wholesaler directly or indirectly, or through a subsidiary or affiliate corporation, or by any officer, director, stockholder or partner thereof.

(b) No brewer or wholesaler may enter into any agreement whereby any campus or Class "B" licensee or permittee is required to purchase the fermented malt beverages of any brewer to the exclusion of those manufactured by other brewers. Such contracts may not be entered into by the brewer or wholesaler, directly or indirectly, or through a subsidiary or an affiliate corporation, or by any officer, director, stockholder or partner thereof.

(c) Notwithstanding the prohibitions in this subsection, brewers and wholesalers may:

1. Furnish, give, lend or rent outside and inside signs to campuses and Class "B" licensees and permittees if the aggregate value of the signs furnished, given, lent or rented by any brewer or wholesaler to any campus or Class "B" licensee or permittee does not exceed \$125 exclusive of erection, installation and repair charges.

2. Furnish miscellaneous advertising matter and other items if the aggregate value of the items furnished to any one campus or Class "B" licensee or permittee does not exceed \$25 in any one calendar year.

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3. Furnish or maintain for campuses or Class "B" licensees or permittees equipment designed and intended to preserve and maintain the sanitary dispensing of fermented malt beverages, if the expense incurred by the brewer or wholesaler does not exceed \$25 per tap per calendar year. No part of any such expense may be paid in cash to any campus or Class "B" licensee or permittee.

4. Sell dispensing equipment such as direct draw boxes, novelty boxes, coil boxes, beer storage boxes or tapping equipment, none of which may include bar additions, to campuses or Class "B" licensees and permittees for cash or on credit for not more than 2 years. Credit sales shall be evidenced by a written contract stating the terms, conditions and monthly payments. Within 10 days after the execution of the contract, the seller shall file a copy of the contract with the register of deeds for the county in which the equipment is installed.

5. Sell consumable merchandise intended for resale, including the sale or loan of containers thereof, to campuses and Class "B" licensees and permittees in the regular course of business.

6. Purchase advertising and other services and rights for a fair consideration from any corporate Class "B" licensee or permittee who is a member of a regularly established athletic league and whose principal business is the ownership, maintenance and operation of a professional athletic team playing a regular schedule of games and whose principal source of income is derived from the sale of tickets to games played by such teams.

7. Contribute money or other things of value to or for the benefit of a nonprofit corporation, exempt under section 501 (c) (3) of the internal revenue code of 1954, which is conducting festivals of limited duration in a 1st class city if the festivals are sponsored and endorsed in whole or part by a municipal corporation.

8. Lease or lend furniture, fixtures, fittings and equipment to any person in possession of a Class "B" premises where the furniture, fixtures, fittings and equipment were installed on the Class "B" premises prior to May 24, 1941. Any brewer or wholesaler who repossesses any furniture, fixtures, fittings or equipment leased, lent or sold to any Class "B" licensee or permittee may sell them to any Class "B" licensee or permittee, for cash on delivery only, and shall deliver a bill of sale to the purchaser. Any application for a Class "B" license or permit after May 24, 1941, shall contain an affidavit by the applicant, setting forth the ownership of the fixtures in or attached to the premises and if the fixtures are not owned by the applicant, the manner, terms and conditions under which the fixtures are held.

9. Contribute money or other items of value to, or purchase advertising from, an institution of higher education which is exempt under section 501 (c) (3) of the U.S. internal revenue code of 1954 if the contribution or purchase is for a purpose other than the use, benefit or relief of premises or operations for the sale of fermented malt beverages and is not contingent either upon the use of the product of the brewer or wholesaler by the institution or upon an agreement by the institution wholly or partly to exclude from sale the products of a competing brewer or wholesaler.

10. Contribute money or other items of value, or purchase advertising from, a campus if the contribution or purchase is for a purpose other than the use, benefit or relief of premises or operations for the sale of fermented malt beverages and is not contingent either upon the use of the product of the brewer or wholesaler by the campus or upon an agreement by the campus partly or wholly to exclude from sale the products of a competing brewer or wholesaler.

(d) The restrictions contained in this subsection do not apply to real estate owned in whole or part on May 24, 1941, by any brewer or wholesaler, directly or indirectly, or through or by a subsidiary or affiliate corporation, or by any officer, director, stockholder, partner or trustee for any of the foregoing, or upon which any of the foregoing held a valid lien on May 24, 1941, or to any real estate owned in whole or part by any of the foregoing upon which there is or may be a hotel of 100 or more rooms.

(e) Nothing in this subsection affects the extension of usual and customary commercial credits for products of the fermented malt beverages industry actually sold and delivered.

(f) Any licensee or permittee who is a party to any violation of this subsection or who receives the benefits thereof shall be guilty of the violation.

**(2) VOLUME DISCOUNTS TO RETAILERS.** Wholesalers of fermented malt beverages shall charge the same price to all campuses and retail licensees and permittees making purchases in similar quantities. Any discount offered on fermented malt beverages shall be delivered to the retailer in a single transaction and single delivery, and on a single invoice.

**(3) RETAIL PURCHASE CREDIT RESTRICTIONS.** (a) *Restrictions on sales.* 1. No fermented malt beverages retail licensee or permittee may:

a. Receive, purchase or acquire fermented malt beverages from any licensee except for cash or credit for a period of not more than 15 days.

b. Receive, purchase or acquire fermented malt beverages from any licensee or permittee if at the time of the receipt, purchase or acquisi-



tion he or she is indebted to any licensee or permittee for fermented malt beverages received, purchased, acquired or delivered more than 15 days earlier.

2. No campus or fermented malt beverage retail licensee or permittee may receive any fermented malt beverages on consignment or on any basis other than a bona fide sale.

(b) *Restrictions on issuance of licenses and permits.* No Class "A" or Class "B" license or permit may be issued to a person having an indebtedness for fermented malt beverages outstanding for more than 15 days. In each application for a Class "A" or Class "B" license or permit, the applicant shall state whether he or she has indebtedness for fermented malt beverages to any licensee or permittee which has been outstanding for more than 15 days.

(c) *Wholesalers holding retail licenses and permits.* For purposes of this subsection, a person holding both a fermented malt beverage wholesale license and a fermented malt beverage retail license is deemed a fermented malt beverage retailer.

(d) *Penalties.* A retail licensee or permittee who violates this subsection is subject to the penalties under s. 125.11 (1) except that he or she may not be imprisoned. No brewer or wholesaler may be subjected to any penalty as the result of the sale of fermented malt beverages to a campus or retail licensee or permittee when purchased by the campus or retail licensee or permittee in violation of this subsection.

*History:* 1981 c. 79, 202.

### SUBCHAPTER III

#### INTOXICATING LIQUOR

**125.51 Retail licenses and permits. (1) MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY TO ISSUE.** (a) Every municipal governing body may grant and issue "Class A" and "Class B" licenses for retail sales of intoxicating liquor from premises within the municipality to persons entitled to a license under this chapter as the issuing municipal governing body deems proper.

(b) No member of the municipal governing body may sell or offer to sell to any person holding or applying for a license any bond, material, product or thing which may be used by the licensee in carrying on the business subject to licensure.

(c) The municipal governing body, or the duly authorized committee of a city council, shall meet not later than May 15 of each year, and be in session from day to day thereafter so long as may be necessary, for the purpose of acting upon license applications filed with it on

or before April 15. The governing body or committee shall grant, issue or deny each application not later than June 15 for the ensuing license year. Licenses may be granted for issuance at a later date when the applicant has complied with all requirements for the issuance of the license. The governing body or committee may accept and act upon any application filed at any other time. As soon as a license is granted, a copy of the application for the license shall be forwarded to the department. The governing body or committee may not deny an application for renewal of an existing license unless a statement of the reason for the denial is included in its clerk's minutes.

**(2) RETAIL "CLASS A" LICENSES.** (a) A "Class A" license authorizes the retail sale of intoxicating liquor for consumption off the premises where sold and in original packages and containers.

(b) Except as provided under s. 125.69, "Class A" licenses may be issued to any person qualified under s. 125.04 (5), except a foreign corporation or a person acting as an agent for or in the employ of another.

(c) "Class A" licenses shall particularly describe the premises for which issued and are not transferable, except as provided in s. 125.04 (12).

(d) The annual fee for a "Class A" license shall be determined by the municipal governing body and shall be the same for all "Class A" licenses, except that the minimum fee is \$50 and the maximum fee is \$500.

**(3) RETAIL "CLASS B" LICENSES.** (a) A "Class B" license authorizes the retail sale of intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises where sold by the glass and not in the original package or container. In addition, wine may be sold in the original package or container in any quantity to be consumed off the premises where sold. This paragraph does not apply in municipalities in which the governing body elects to come under par. (b).

(b) In all municipalities electing by ordinance to come under this paragraph, a retail "Class B" license authorizes the sale of intoxicating liquor to be consumed by the glass only on the premises where sold and also authorizes the sale of intoxicating liquor in the original package or container, in multiples not to exceed 4 liters at any one time, and to be consumed off the premises where sold. Wine, however, may be sold for consumption off the premises in the original package or otherwise in any quantity.

(c) Except as provided under s. 125.69, a "Class B" license may be issued to any person qualified under s. 125.04 (5), except a foreign corporation or a person acting as an agent for or in the employ of another.

(d) "Class B" licenses shall particularly describe the premises for which issued and are not transferable, except as provided in s. 125.04 (12).

(e) The annual fee for a "Class B" license shall be determined by the municipal governing body and shall be the same for all "Class B" licenses, except that the minimum fee shall be \$50 and the maximum fee shall be \$500. The minimum fee shall not apply to licenses issued to bona fide clubs and lodges situated and incorporated in the state for at least 6 years.

(f) A "Class B" license may be issued only to a holder of a retail Class "B" license to sell fermented malt beverages.

**(4) QUOTAS ON "CLASS B" LICENSES.** (a) In this subsection:

1. "License" means a retail "Class B" license.

2. "Population" means the number of inhabitants determined by the last decennial federal census, or, in the case of newly incorporated cities or villages, determined under s. 66.013 (2) (b), less, in either case, inmates of charitable, mental and penal institutions in the municipality.

3. "Quota" means the number of licenses which a municipality may grant or issue.

(b) Except as provided in pars. (c) and (d), the quota of each municipality is the number of licenses issued in good faith by the municipality under s. 176.05 (21) (h), 1975 stats., plus whichever of the following is the largest:

1. One license per 500 population or fraction thereof.

2. The number of licenses lawfully issued and in force within the municipality on August 27, 1939.

3. The number of licenses lawfully issued and in force within the municipality in the year of the decennial federal census immediately prior to the most recent decennial federal census.

4. In the case of a village or city incorporated since August 27, 1939, one license per 500 population or fraction thereof at the time of incorporation.

5. In the case of any municipality incorporated or organized since August 27, 1939, the number of licenses lawfully issued and in force in the territory within the municipality at the time of incorporation or organization.

(c) If territory containing premises covered by a license is annexed to the municipality and if the municipality's quota would not otherwise allow licenses for the premises, the quota shall be increased to include a license for each premises in the annexed territory.

(d) Detachment of territory shall decrease the quota of the remainder of the municipality by the number of premises covered by licenses existing in the detached territory, except that

detachment shall not decrease the quota of the remainder to less than one license per 500 persons or less than one license.

(e) By July 1 of the year in which a federal decennial census is taken, the department of health and social services shall certify to each municipality and the department of revenue the number of persons who are residents of charitable, mental and penal institutions within the municipality.

(f) Notwithstanding the quota of a town, licenses issued by the town under s. 176.05 (21) (k), 1979 stats., remain valid and may be renewed by the town board, but the town board may not issue any new "Class B" licenses until the total number of licenses is less than the quota.

(g) Notwithstanding the quota of a municipality, its governing body may, by a three-fourths vote of its members, issue a license limited to the sale of wine for consumption only on the premises to any person engaged in preserving a place of historic significance built during the state's first 5 years of statehood and operating the place as a restaurant.

(h) Notwithstanding the quota of a municipality, its governing body may, by a three-fourths vote of its members, issue a license to any restaurant existing on August 7, 1977, with a museum having permanent exhibition space open to the public at least 3 times the area of the restaurant.

(i) Notwithstanding the quota of the municipality, licenses issued under s. 176.05 (21) (h), 1979 stats., remain valid and may be renewed by the municipality.

(j) Each municipality that issues "Class B" licenses shall issue a "Class B" license to any club which, on June 30, 1982, held a "Class B" license issued by the department under s. 176.05 (4a), 1979 stats. Licenses issued under this paragraph shall be renewed annually, upon application, unless revoked under s. 125.12. The quota of a municipality is permanently increased by the number of licenses it issues under this paragraph.

**(5) RETAIL "CLASS B" PERMITS.** (a) *Sports clubs.* 1. The department shall issue "Class B" permits to clubs which are operated solely for the playing of golf or tennis and are commonly known as country clubs, to clubs which are operated solely for curling and to yachting clubs. A "Class B" permit may be issued only to a club that is not open to the general public and that is located in a municipality that does not issue "Class B" licenses. The permits may be issued by the department without regard to any local option exercised under s. 125.05 and without regard to any quota under sub. (4). The holder of a "Class B" permit may sell intoxicating

liquor for consumption by the glass and not in the original package or container on the premises covered by the permit.

2. Except as provided in this paragraph, all sections of this chapter applying to retail "Class B" licenses apply to "Class B" permits issued under this paragraph.

3. "Class B" permits may be issued only to a club which has occupied the premises upon which it is located for a period of at least 6 months prior to the date of application.

4. The department may annually issue a "Class B" permit to any club organized to engage in sports similar to curling, golf, tennis or yachting which held a license from July 1, 1950, to June 30, 1951, as long as it is continuously operated under substantially the same circumstances under which it operated during the year beginning July 1, 1950, if the club is located in a municipality that does not issue "Class B" licenses.

5. The annual fee for the permit is \$50 and shall be paid to the treasurer of the municipality in which the premises is located.

(b) *Public facilities and airports.* 1. In this paragraph:

a. "Arena" means a public building with a capacity of 4,000 or more persons used principally for the conduct of sports events.

b. "Coliseum" means a public multipurpose facility designed for activities of the public, which may include but are not limited to sports events, trade shows, conventions, seminars, concerts, banquets and fairs.

c. "Concessionaire" means a person designated by resolution of the governing body of a county or municipality owning an airport or public facility to operate premises in the airport or public facility.

d. "Public facility" means an arena, coliseum, related exposition facilities or center for the performing or visual arts.

e. "Related exposition facility" means buildings constructed on the same grounds as a coliseum and used for the same or ancillary functions.

2. The department shall issue a "Class B" permit to a concessionaire conducting business in an operating airport or public facility, if the county or municipality which owns the airport or public facility has, by resolution of its governing body, annually applied to the department for the permit. The permit authorizes the sale of intoxicating liquor for consumption by the glass and not in the original package or container on the premises.

3. Except as provided in this paragraph, all sections of this chapter relating to "Class B" licenses apply to "Class B" permits issued under this paragraph.

4. The department may not issue a permit under this paragraph to any county or municipality or officer or employe thereof.

5. The fee for the permit shall be the same as the fee charged for a "Class B" license issued by the municipality in which the airport or public facility is located. The fee shall be paid to the department, and the department shall transmit the fee to the municipality within which the airport or public facility is located.

(c) *Vessels.* 1. The department may issue a "Class B" permit to any person qualified under s. 125.04 (5) authorizing the sale of intoxicating liquor for consumption on any vessel having a regular place of mooring located in any waters of this state as defined under s. 29.01 (4) if the vessel is certified by the U.S. coast guard and has an approved passenger capacity of not less than 100 individuals, and if the sale of intoxicating liquor and fermented malt beverages on the vessel accounts for less than 50% of the gross receipts of the vessel. The department may issue the permit only if the vessel customarily leaves its place of mooring while the sale of intoxicating liquor is taking place.

2. The annual fee for the permit is \$300.

3. Except as provided in this paragraph, all provisions of this chapter applying to "Class B" licenses apply to "Class B" permits issued under this paragraph.

(6) **MULTIPLE LICENSES.** Not more than 2 "Class A" or "Class B" licenses may be issued in this state to any one person, except in the case of hotels or clubs. In each application for a "Class A" or "Class B" license, the applicant shall state that application has not been made for more than one other "Class A" or "Class B" license.

(7) **SALES IN NAME OF LICENSEE OR PERMITTEE.** Every holder of a retail license or permit for the sale of intoxicating liquor shall purchase, advertise and sell intoxicating liquor in the holder's name and under the holder's license or permit only.

(8) **CONNECTING PREMISES.** Except in the case of hotels, a "Class A" intoxicating liquor license and a "Class B" intoxicating liquor or Class "B" fermented malt beverages license or permit may not be issued for the same premises or for connecting premises. Except for hotels, if either class of license or permit is issued for the same or connecting premises already covered by the other class of license or permit, the license or permit last issued is void. If both licenses or permits are issued simultaneously, both are void.

(9) **LICENSES FOR LESS THAN ONE YEAR.** (a) A license may be issued after July 1 in any license year. The license shall expire on the following June 30. The fee for the license shall be prorated according to the number of months

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or fractions thereof remaining until the following June 30.

(b) Licenses valid for 6 months may be issued at any time. The fee for the license shall be 50% of the annual license fee. The license may not be renewed during the calendar year in which issued.

**History:** 1981 c. 79, 202, 220.

**125.52 Manufacturers' and rectifiers' permits. (1) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.**

The department shall issue manufacturers' and rectifiers' permits which authorize the manufacture or rectification, respectively, of intoxicating liquor on the premises covered by the permit. A person holding a manufacturer's or rectifier's permit may manufacture, bottle or wholesale wine, pursuant to the terms of the permit, without procuring a winery permit. A manufacturer's or rectifier's permit entitles the permittee to sell intoxicating liquor in quantities of not less than 4 liters at any one time from the premises described in the permit. Holders of rectifiers' permits may sell intoxicating liquor rectified by the permittee to retailers without any other permit. No sales may be made for consumption on the premises of the permittee. Possession of a permit under this section does not authorize the permittee to sell tax-free intoxicating liquor and wines brought into this state under s. 139.03 (5).

**(2) LIMITED MANUFACTURER'S PERMIT.** The department shall issue a limited manufacturer's permit which authorizes the use or sale of the intoxicating liquor produced only if it is rendered unfit for use as a beverage and is used or sold for use as fuel. The department shall notify the department of natural resources of the name and address of any person to whom a limited manufacturer's permit is issued.

**(3) PERSONS ELIGIBLE.** Except as provided under s. 125.69, a manufacturer's or rectifier's permit may be issued to any person qualified under s. 125.04 (5), except a foreign corporation or a person acting as an agent for or in the employ of another.

**(4) TERM OF PERMIT.** All permits issued under this section shall expire on July 1 of each year.

**(5) FEES.** The annual fees for a manufacturer's or rectifier's permit issued under sub. (1) is \$750. The annual fee for a limited manufacturer's permit issued under sub. (2) is \$10.

**(6) SALES AREA.** No rectifier may sell any intoxicating liquor before filing with the department a written statement that the permittee is a distributor of a particular brand in this state, or an area of this state, and that the sales of that brand by the permittee and anyone purchasing

from the permittee will be limited to the area specified. The rectifier shall inform the department of any change in the area within 7 days of the effective date of the change.

**(7) MULTIPLE PERMITS.** Not more than 2 manufacturers' or 2 rectifiers' permits may be issued to any one person. In each application for a manufacturer's or rectifier's permit, the applicant shall state that application has not been made for more than one other manufacturer's or rectifier's permit.

**History:** 1981 c. 79.

**125.53 Winery permit. (1)** The department shall issue only to a manufacturing winery in this state a winery permit authorizing the manufacture and bottling of wine on the premises covered by the permit for sale at wholesale to other licensees or permittees. A permittee under this section may offer taste samples of wine manufactured on the premises to adults on the premises. If a "Class A" liquor license has also been issued to the winery, taste samples may be offered only in areas or rooms not included as part of the "Class A" premises, but taste samples may be offered in an area or room adjoining or connected with the "Class A" premises. No taste samples may be offered if a "Class A" license has been issued for the entire premises.

**(2)** Winery permits may be issued to any person except a foreign corporation or a person acting as an agent for or in the employ of another.

**(3)** The annual fee for a winery permit is \$100.

**History:** 1981 c. 79.

**125.54 Wholesalers' permits. (1) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.** The department shall issue wholesalers' permits authorizing the permittee to sell intoxicating liquor at wholesale in quantities of not less than 4 liters at any one time, from the premises described in the permit. The permittee may not sell intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises. Possession of a permit under this section does not authorize the permittee to sell tax-free intoxicating liquor and wine brought into this state under s. 139.03 (5).

**(2) PERSONS ELIGIBLE.** Except as provided under s. 125.69, a wholesaler's permit may be issued to any person qualified under s. 125.04 (5), except a foreign corporation or a person acting as an agent for or in the employ of another.

**(3) TERM OF PERMIT.** Permits issued under this section expire on July 1 of each year.

**(4) FEES.** The annual fee for a wholesaler's permit is \$500.

**(5) SALES AREA.** No wholesaler may sell any intoxicating liquor before filing with the depart-

ment a written statement that the permittee is a distributor of a particular brand in this state, or an area of this state, and that the sales of that brand by the permittee and anyone purchasing from the permittee will be limited to the area specified. The permittee shall notify the department of any change in the area within 7 days of the effective date of the change.

**(6) MULTIPLE PERMITS.** Not more than 2 wholesalers' permits may be issued to any one person. In each application for a wholesaler's permit, the applicant shall state that application has not been made for more than one other wholesaler's permit.

**History:** 1981 c. 79.

Section 176.05 (1a) (b), 1979 stats. [now 125.54 (5)] does not prohibit wholesaler from selling to retailer located outside area described in area statement provided sale takes place within area. 70 Atty. Gen. 258.

**125.55 Combination permits. (1)** The department may issue the following combination permits:

(a) A combination manufacturer's and rectifier's permit.

(b) A combination rectifier's and wholesaler's permit.

**(2)** A combination manufacturer's and wholesaler's permit may not be issued.

**(3)** The annual fee for any combination permit issued under sub. (1) is \$1,000.

**History:** 1981 c. 79.

**125.56 Sacramental wine. (1) AUTHORIZATION TO SELL.** Any person holding a permit under s. 125.52 (1), 125.53 or 125.54 may sell sacramental wine directly to persons holding permits under sub. (2).

**(2) SACRAMENTAL WINE PERMIT. (a)** The department shall issue sacramental wine permits to organized religious bodies authorizing them to purchase for their own use sacramental wine from any permittee under s. 125.52 (1), 125.53 or 125.54. A permit under this subsection does not authorize the resale of sacramental wine by the permittee.

(b) No sacramental wine permit may be issued to a person acting as an agent for or in the employ of another.

(c) Shipments of sacramental wine shall be conspicuously labeled "for sacramental purposes" and shall meet any other requirements the department prescribes by rule.

(d) A sacramental wine permit shall be issued free of charge by the department and is not subject to s. 125.04 (11).

**History:** 1981 c. 79.

**125.57 Pharmacist's license. (1) ISSUANCE OF LICENSE.** Every municipal governing body may, upon written application, grant to

any registered pharmacist a license authorizing the sale of intoxicating liquor in quantities of less than 4 liters within the municipality. Sales of intoxicating liquor under this section shall be for medicinal, mechanical or scientific purposes only. No liquor may be consumed on the premises where the purchase is made.

**(2) LICENSE FEE.** The annual fee for a license issued under this section may not exceed \$10.

**(3) DOCUMENTATION OF RETAIL SALES.** Prior to purchasing intoxicating liquor for medicinal or scientific purposes from a pharmacist holding a license under this section, the purchaser shall submit a written statement to the pharmacist specifying the purpose for which the intoxicating liquor is to be used; stating that it will not be used for beverage purposes; and, in the case of a sale for medicinal purposes, stating the date and number of the prescription and the name of the physician issuing it. The statement shall be dated and signed by the purchaser and witnessed by the pharmacist.

**(4) RECORD BOOK.** Every pharmacist shall keep a record book in which shall be entered the date, kind, quantity, purchaser's name and purpose of every sale of intoxicating liquor under this section. A verified copy of the record book entries shall be filed annually with the municipal clerk on the 3rd Tuesday in April. The clerk shall maintain all records submitted by pharmacists for one year.

**(5) PRESERVATION OF PURCHASER'S STATEMENTS.** Each pharmacist shall keep the statements and prescriptions submitted by purchasers with the record book. The book, statements and prescriptions shall be open to public inspection at all times. The pharmacist shall file the prescriptions and statements with the municipal clerk each month. The clerk may destroy the statements and prescriptions at 90-day intervals.

**(6) FALSE STATEMENTS.** Any person making a false representation to a physician in order to secure a prescription for intoxicating liquor, or to a pharmacist or to any employe of the pharmacist for the purpose of inducing the sale of intoxicating liquor for other than medicinal, mechanical or scientific purposes, is subject to the penalties under sub. (7).

**(7) NONCOMPLIANCE; PENALTY.** A pharmacist who violates this section shall be fined not less than \$40 nor more than \$200, plus costs, or may be imprisoned for not less than 30 days nor more than 8 months.

**(8) LICENSE REVOCATION.** The court, upon conviction of a pharmacist for any violation of this chapter relating to intoxicating liquor, may revoke any license issued to the pharmacist under this section.

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**(9) TAX STAMP.** All containers of intoxicating liquor having an alcoholic content of 21 % or more by volume, dispensed by a pharmacist holding a license under this section, shall bear a state stamp in addition to any other required stamp, attached as provided by rule of the department. Stamps shall be furnished by the department at the following rates:

(a) *U.S. liquid measure containers.* 1. Eight ounces or less, one-half cent.

2. More than 8 ounces to 16 ounces, one cent.

3. More than 16 ounces, 2 cents.

(b) *Metric containers.* 1. Two hundred milliliters or less, one-half cent.

2. More than 200 to 500 milliliters, one cent.

3. More than 500 milliliters to one liter, 2 cents.

4. More than one liter, 3 cents.

**(10) ADVERTISING.** (a) Pharmacists licensed under this section may not directly or indirectly advertise any intoxicating liquor or display any intoxicating liquor in any show window or showcase or in connection with any soda fountain. Intoxicating liquor may be displayed for sale on wall shelving not exceeding 3 feet in length. This paragraph does not apply to pharmacists holding a license under this section who also hold a retail "Class A" or "Class B" license. Persons violating this paragraph shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$300 or imprisoned for not less than 10 days nor more than 6 months or both.

(b) Any registered pharmacist holding a license issued under this section may display or exhibit it.

*History:* 1981 c. 79.

**125.58 Out-of-state shippers' permit. (1)**

The department shall issue out-of-state shippers' permits which authorize persons located outside this state to sell or ship intoxicating liquor into this state. Intoxicating liquor may be shipped into this state only to a person holding a manufacturer's, rectifier's, wholesaler's, industrial alcohol or medicinal alcohol permit. A separate out-of-state shipper's permit is required for each location from which any intoxicating liquor is sold or shipped into this state, including the location from which the invoices are issued for the sales or shipments. Any person holding an out-of-state shipper's permit issued under this section may solicit orders for sales or shipments by the permittee without obtaining the sales solicitation permit required by s. 125.65, but every agent, salesperson or other representative who solicits orders for sales or shipments by an out-of-state shipper shall first obtain a permit for soliciting orders under s. 125.65.

**(2)** Out-of-state shippers' permits may be issued to any person except a person acting as an agent for or in the employ of another. Notwithstanding s. 125.04 (5) (a), natural persons obtaining out-of-state shippers' permits are not required to be residents of this state. Notwithstanding s. 125.04 (6), corporations obtaining out-of-state shippers' permits are not required to appoint agents.

**(3)** The annual fee for an out-of-state shipper's permit is \$50.

*History:* 1981 c. 79.

**125.59 Warehouse receipts salesperson's permit. (1)**

The department may issue a warehouse receipts salesperson's permit which authorizes the permittee to sell warehouse receipts for intoxicating liquor only to manufacturers, rectifiers, wholesalers and retailers of intoxicating liquor holding licenses or permits under this chapter.

**(2)** Warehouse receipts salesperson's permits may be issued only to natural persons who also hold a permit under s. 125.65 and who are also registered with the department to sell intoxicating liquor for a manufacturer, rectifier or wholesaler of intoxicating liquor holding a permit under this chapter. The warehouse receipts salesperson permittee shall represent such manufacturer, rectifier, wholesaler or retailer in selling warehouse receipts. No warehouse receipts salesperson's permit may be issued to any person acting as agent for or in the employ of another.

**(3)** The annual fee for a warehouse receipts salesperson's permit is \$100.

**(4)** Any person who sells warehouse receipts for intoxicating liquor without a permit issued under this section or who sells such receipts to a person other than an intoxicating liquor manufacturer, rectifier, wholesaler or retailer holding a license or permit under this chapter shall be imprisoned for not less than one year nor more than 3 years or fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$5,000 or both, and shall have his or her permit automatically revoked. Any person having his or her permit so revoked may not be granted another permit for a period of 2 years following the revocation.

*History:* 1981 c. 79.

**125.60 Wholesale alcohol permit. (1)**

The department may issue a wholesale alcohol permit which authorizes the permittee to sell ethyl alcohol of 190 proof or more to persons holding permits or licenses issued under s. 125.57, 125.61 or 125.62. Nothing in this section requires manufacturers, rectifiers and wholesalers holding permits issued under s. 125.52 (1) or 125.54 to obtain a wholesale alcohol permit.

(2) Wholesale alcohol permits may be issued to any person qualified under s. 125.04 (5), except a person acting as an agent for or in the employ of another.

(3) Holders of wholesale alcohol permits who do not hold permits issued under s. 125.52 (1) or 125.54 are exempt from s. 125.65 as it relates to special permits for agents or representatives of wholesale alcohol permit holders.

(4) Holders of wholesale alcohol permits under this section who do not hold permits issued under s. 125.52 (1) or 125.54 may sell or deal in ethyl alcohol in quantities of not less than 500 milliliters at any one time, no part of which may be sold for consumption on the premises of the permittee.

(5) Wholesale alcohol permits shall be issued for an annual fee of \$50, shall expire on July 1 and shall meet any other requirement the department prescribes by rule.

History: 1981 c. 79.

**125.61 Medicinal alcohol permit.** (1) The department may issue a medicinal alcohol permit which authorizes the permittee to purchase and use alcohol for medicinal purposes only. The permit may be issued only to persons who prove to the department that they use alcohol for medicinal purposes.

(2) Medicinal alcohol permits may be issued to any person qualified under s. 125.04 (5), except a person acting as an agent for or in the employ of another.

(3) Shipments of medicinal alcohol shall be conspicuously labeled "for medicinal purposes" and shall meet other requirements which the department prescribes by rule.

(4) A medicinal permit shall be issued free of charge by the department and is not subject to s. 125.04 (11).

History: 1981 c. 79.

**125.62 Industrial alcohol permit.** (1) The department may issue an industrial alcohol permit which authorizes the permittee to purchase and use alcohol for industrial purposes only. Such permits may be issued only to persons who prove to the department that they use alcohol for industrial purposes.

(2) Industrial alcohol permits may be issued to any person qualified under s. 125.04 (5), except a person acting as agent for or in the employ of another.

(3) Shipments of industrial alcohol shall be conspicuously labeled "for industrial purposes" and shall meet other requirements which the department prescribes by rule.

(4) The annual fee for an industrial alcohol permit is \$10.

History: 1981 c. 79.

**125.63 Industrial wine permit.** (1) The department may issue an industrial wine permit which authorizes the purchase and use of wine for industrial purposes only. An industrial wine permit may be issued only to persons who prove to the department that they use wine for industrial purposes.

(2) Industrial wine permits may be issued to any person qualified under s. 125.04 (5), except a person acting as an agent for or in the employ of another.

(3) Shipments of industrial wine shall be conspicuously labeled "for industrial purposes" and shall meet other requirements which the department prescribes by rule.

(4) The annual fee for an industrial wine permit is \$10.

History: 1981 c. 79.

**125.65 Permit to solicit for future sales.**

(1) The department may issue a permit for sales for future delivery which authorizes the permittee to solicit orders, and to engage in the sale, of intoxicating liquor for delivery at a future date.

(2) Permits for sale for future delivery may be issued to any person qualified under s. 125.04 (5). Notwithstanding s. 125.04 (5), natural persons obtaining permits under this section are not required to be residents of this state.

(3) Both natural persons engaged in actual solicitation of orders or sales and their employers shall obtain permits under this section.

(4) The department shall require the following information in applications for permits under this section:

(a) The type of permit desired.

(b) The name and address of the applicant; if the applicant is a partnership or association, the name and address of each member thereof; or if the applicant is a corporation, the name and address of each of its officers.

(c) The places where the business is to be conducted.

(d) For the period of at least 3 years immediately preceding the date of application, the business or occupation, if any, engaged in by the applicant; if a partnership or association, by each member thereof; or if a corporation, by each officer.

(e) Any other information required by the department.

(5) The annual fee for a permit issued under this section is \$10.

(6) Employers shall furnish the department with the names of all employees engaged in activities requiring a permit under this section and shall notify the department whenever an employee begins or terminates employment.

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Upon leaving employment, an employe shall submit his or her permit to the department for cancellation.

(7) Every person holding a permit under this section shall exhibit it upon request to any prospective purchaser.

(8) Nonresident persons holding permits under this section may solicit sales from retailers in this state only if the orders are solicited for, and will be filled by, persons holding permits under s. 125.52 or 125.54.

(9) Any person who violates this section shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 or imprisoned for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months or both. Conviction for a violation of this section shall result in automatic revocation of any permit issued under this section. If a permit issued under this section is so revoked, another permit may not be issued to the same person for a period of 2 years following revocation.

*History:* 1981 c. 79.

**125.66 Sale without license; failure to obtain permit; penalties.** (1) Any person who sells, or possesses with intent to sell, intoxicating liquor and who does not hold the appropriate license or permit shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than \$250 nor more than \$1,000 plus costs or imprisoned in the county jail for not less than 3 months nor more than one year. In the event of a 2nd or subsequent conviction of the same person during any 12-month period, the sentence shall consist of both the fine and imprisonment.

(2) The issuance of any current permit or special tax stamp of the federal government to any person, authorizing or permitting the person to sell intoxicating liquor, shall be prima facie evidence in any prosecution for violation of this section that the person was engaged in selling intoxicating liquor.

(3) Any person manufacturing or rectifying intoxicating liquor without holding appropriate permits under this chapter, or any person who sells such liquor, shall be fined not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000 or imprisoned for not less than one year nor more than 10 years or both. Second or subsequent convictions shall be punished by both the fine and imprisonment.

*History:* 1981 c. 79.

**125.67 Evading provisions of law by giving away intoxicating liquor; penalties.** Giving away intoxicating liquor or using any other means to evade any law of this state relating to the sale of intoxicating liquor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$250, plus the costs of

prosecution if no specific penalty is provided in this chapter.

*History:* 1981 c. 79.

**125.68 General restrictions and requirements.** (1) **MANAGERS' LICENSES; "CLASS B" PREMISES.** (a) If a municipal governing body elects to issue managers' licenses under s. 125.18, no person may manage premises operating under a "Class B" license issued by that municipality unless the person is the licensee, an agent of a corporation appointed as required by s. 125.04 (6) or the holder of a manager's license. A person manages "Class B" premises if that person has responsibility or authority for:

1. Personnel management of all employes, whether or not the person is authorized to sign employment contracts;
2. The terms of contracts for the purchase or sale of goods or services, whether or not the person is authorized to sign the contracts; or
3. The daily operations of the "Class B" premises.

(b) The municipal governing body may, by ordinance, define factors in addition to those listed in par. (a) which constitute management of "Class B" premises.

(2) **OPERATORS' LICENSES; "CLASS A" OR "CLASS B" PREMISES.** No premises operated under a "Class A" or "Class B" license or permit may be open for business unless there is upon the premises either the licensee, the agent named in the license if the licensee is a corporation, the agent named in a "Class B" permit or some person who has an operator's license and who is responsible for the acts of all persons selling or serving any intoxicating liquor to customers. For the purpose of this subsection, any person holding a manager's license issued under s. 125.18 or any member of the licensee's immediate family 18 years of age or older shall be considered the holder of an operator's license. No person, including a member of the licensee's immediate family under the age of 18 years, other than the licensee or agent may serve or sell alcohol beverages in any place operated under a "Class A" or "Class B" license or permit unless he or she has an operator's license or is under the immediate supervision of the licensee or agent or a person holding an operator's license, who is on the premises at the time of the service.

(3) **RESTRICTIONS ON LOCATION.** (a) *Schools, churches and hospitals.* No "Class A" or "Class B" license or permit may be issued for premises the main entrance of which is less than 300 feet from the main entrance of any public or parochial school, hospital or church. The distance shall be measured by the shortest route along the highway from the main entrance of the school, church or hospital to the main entrance



of the premises covered by the license or permit. This paragraph does not apply to premises covered by a license or permit on June 30, 1947, or covered by a license or permit prior to the occupation of real property within 300 feet thereof by any school, hospital or church building.

(b) *Mental health institutes*. No person may sell any intoxicating liquor within one mile of any mental health institute, as defined in s. 51.01 (12). Any person who violates this paragraph shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$250 or imprisoned not more than 6 months or both.

(4) **CLOSING HOURS.** (a) *Wholesalers*. No premises for which a wholesale intoxicating liquor permit has been issued may remain open for the sale of intoxicating liquor between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 a.m., except on Saturday the premises may remain open until 9 p.m.

(b) *"Class A" retailers*. No premises for which a "Class A" license or permit has been issued may remain open for the sale of intoxicating liquor between the hours of 9 p.m. and 8 a.m.

(c) *"Class B" retailers*. 1. In any county having a population of less than 500,000, except in a 1st class city which is located in more than one county, no premises for which a "Class B" license or permit has been issued may remain open between the hours of 1 a.m. and 8 a.m., except as otherwise provided in this subdivision and subd. 4. On January 1, no premises may remain open between 3 a.m. and 8 a.m. During that portion of each year for which the standard of time is advanced under s. 175.095, no premises may remain open between 2 a.m. and 8 a.m., but the municipality in which the premises is located may establish an earlier closing hour.

2. In any county having a population of 500,000 or more, and in 1st class cities located in more than one county, no premises for which a "Class B" license or permit has been issued may remain open on weekdays between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. and on Sundays between 3:30 a.m. and 10 a.m., except as provided in this subdivision and subd. 4. On January 1, the premises are not required to close. On any other holiday which under s. 230.35 (4) (a) may fall on a Monday, no premises may remain open between 3:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. when the holiday is celebrated on a Monday.

3. Between 12 midnight and 8 a.m. no person may sell intoxicating liquor on "Class B" licensed premises in an original unopened package, container or bottle or for consumption away from the premises. A municipal governing body may, by ordinance, impose more restrictive hours than are provided in this subdivision.

4. Hotels and restaurants whose principal business is the furnishing of food, drinks or

lodging to patrons, bowling alleys and golf courses may remain open for the conduct of their regular business but may not sell intoxicating liquor during the closing hours mentioned in this paragraph.

(5) **RESTAURANT SANITATION RULES.** No applicant may obtain a "Class B" license or permit unless the premises complies with the rules promulgated by the department of health and social services governing sanitation in restaurants. However, the department of health and social services may not restrict the serving of cheese without charge in individual portions to customers as permitted by s. 50.50 (3).

(6) **AUCTIONS.** (a) No person may sell, furnish or give away any intoxicating liquor at any public auction, except that commemorative bottles or other uniquely designed decanters may be sold as provided in s. 125.06 (9). Persons violating this section shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$250 or imprisoned for not less than 3 months nor more than 6 months, or both.

(b) Selling, furnishing or giving away intoxicating liquor on premises for which a "Class B" license has been issued is not a violation of this section if no activity related to a public auction being held on the premises occurs in the room where the intoxicating liquor is sold, furnished or given away.

(7) **ALCOHOLIC CONTENTS.** No person holding a retail license or permit issued under this chapter may buy or sell alcohol which exceeds 50% alcohol by volume, or 100 proof.

(8) **SALE FROM ORIGINAL CONTAINER.** (a) A person convicted of any of the following prohibited activities shall be fined not less than \$150 nor more than \$500 or imprisoned not less than 60 days nor more than 6 months or both:

1. Diluting any intoxicating liquor for purposes of sale as undiluted intoxicating liquor.

2. Refilling any original container which had previously been used for intoxicating liquor containing 21% or more of alcohol by volume.

3. Possessing diluted intoxicating liquor or refilled original containers on any premises covered by a "Class A" license or "Class B" license or permit.

(b) Possession of an original container which contains diluted intoxicating liquor or which has been refilled is prima facie evidence of intent to violate this subsection.

(9) **LABELS; CONTENTS; PACKAGING.** (a) No manufacturer, rectifier or wholesaler may sell or deliver in this state any package or container of intoxicating liquor which does not bear the revenue stamps required by federal law or the laws of this state.

(b) All containers of intoxicating liquor sold in this state shall be clearly and legibly labeled with the name and address of the manufacturer and the name of the intoxicating liquor. The label shall meet any other labeling requirements created by the federal alcohol administration act.

(c) No intoxicating liquor may contain any added ingredients or substances which are injurious to health or deleterious for human consumption.

(d) All packages or containers of intoxicating liquor delivered in this state shall bear seals affixed by the manufacturer so that the contents cannot be removed without breaking the seals.

(e) No person holding a license or permit issued under this chapter may possess or sell any package or container of intoxicating liquor which does not comply with pars. (a), (b) and (d) or which does not bear evidence that the package or container was in compliance when delivery was taken.

(f) Every person manufacturing, rectifying or blending intoxicating liquor sold in this state shall provide the department with the names, brands, descriptions, alcoholic content by volume and any other information about the intoxicating liquor required by the department. Information required by this paragraph shall be submitted prior to placing any new blend on the market. The department may also require by rule that samples of new products be submitted for examination and analysis.

(g) Persons convicted of violating this subsection shall be fined not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 or imprisoned in the county jail for not less than 3 months nor more than one year or both.

**(10) SHIPMENTS INTO STATE.** (a) No intoxicating liquor may be shipped into this state unless consigned to a person holding a permit for the sale of intoxicating liquor, other than a retail "Class B" permit.

(b) No common carrier or other person may transport into and deliver within this state any intoxicating liquor unless it is consigned to a person holding a permit for the sale of intoxicating liquor, other than a retail "Class B" permit. Any common carrier violating this paragraph shall forfeit \$100 for each violation.

(c) This subsection does not apply to purchases made under a permit issued under s. 125.61.

**(11) ALCOHOL OR WINE FOR NONBEVERAGE USE; PENALTY.** (a) The following products are not intoxicating liquor subject to this chapter, when unfit for beverage purposes:

1. Denatured alcohol produced and used pursuant to acts of congress and regulations promulgated thereunder.

2. Patent, proprietary, medicinal, pharmaceutical, antiseptic and toilet preparations.

3. Flavoring extracts, syrups and food products.

4. Scientific, chemical, mechanical and industrial products.

(b) Any person who sells any of the products enumerated in par. (a) for intoxicating beverage purposes, either knowingly or under circumstances from which a reasonable person may deduce the intention of the purchaser to use them for such purposes, shall be penalized under s. 125.11.

**(12) DENATURED ALCOHOL.** (a) No person may recover any alcohol or alcoholic liquid from denatured alcohol by any process or use, sell, conceal or dispose of, in any manner, any alcohol or alcoholic liquid derived from denatured alcohol.

(b) Whoever violates par. (a) shall be fined not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not less than one year nor more than 10 years or both.

(c) Any person causing the death of another human being through the selling or otherwise disposing of, for beverage purposes, either denatured alcohol or alcohol or alcoholic liquid redistilled from denatured alcohol, shall be imprisoned for not more than 10 years.

**History:** 1981 c. 79, 158, 202.

It is not illegal, under 176.07, 1979 stats., [now 125.68 (4) (c) 3] to allow the carry-out of intoxicating liquor from "Class B" licensed premises between 12 midnight and 8 a.m. if sale of liquor occurred before 12 midnight. "Sale" defined 69 Atty. Gen. 168.

**125.69 Restrictions on dealings between manufacturers, rectifiers, wholesalers and retailers.**

**(1) INTEREST RESTRICTIONS.** (a) No intoxicating liquor manufacturer, rectifier or wholesaler may hold any direct or indirect interest in any "Class A" license or establishment and no "Class A" licensee may hold any direct or indirect interest in a wholesale permit or establishment, except that permits and licenses issued before October 3, 1963, which would after that date be a violation of this restriction, shall be renewed unless other cause is shown for the nonrenewal.

(b) No intoxicating liquor manufacturer, rectifier or wholesaler may hold any direct or indirect interest in any "Class B" license or permit or establishment and no "Class B" licensee or permittee may hold any direct or indirect interest in a wholesale permit or establishment.

(c) No manufacturer, whether located within or without this state, may hold any direct or indirect interest in any wholesale permit or establishment, except as provided in s. 125.53.

**(2) FURNISHING THINGS OF VALUE.** (a) Except as provided in this subsection, no manufacturer, rectifier or wholesaler may furnish, give, lend, lease or sell any equipment, fixtures, supplies, money or other thing of value to any campus or "Class B" licensee or permittee, or to any person for the use, benefit or relief of any campus or "Class B" licensee or permittee, or guarantee the repayment of any loan or the fulfillment of any financial obligation of any campus or "Class B" licensee or permittee. Such actions may not be taken by the manufacturer, rectifier or wholesaler directly or indirectly or through a subsidiary or affiliate corporation, or by any officer, director, stockholder or partner thereof. No campus or person licensed to sell products of the intoxicating liquor industry may receive, or be the beneficiary of, any of the benefits prohibited by this paragraph.

(b) Notwithstanding the prohibitions contained in this subsection, manufacturers, rectifiers and wholesalers may furnish, give, lend or rent outside and inside signs to campuses or "Class B" licensees and permittees if the aggregate value of the signs furnished to a single licensee or permittee does not exceed \$25 in any one calendar year.

(c) Nothing in this subsection affects the extension of usual and customary commercial credits for the products of the intoxicating liquor industry sold and delivered in compliance with sub. (4).

(d) Notwithstanding the prohibitions contained in this subsection, a manufacturer, rectifier or wholesaler may contribute money or other items of value, or purchase advertising from, a campus if the contribution or purchase is for a purpose other than the use, benefit or relief of premises or operations for the sale of intoxicating liquors and is not contingent either upon the use of the product of the manufacturer, rectifier or wholesaler by the campus or upon an agreement by the campus partly or wholly to exclude from sale the products of a competing manufacturer, rectifier or wholesaler.

**(3) VOLUME DISCOUNTS TO CAMPUSES AND RETAILERS.** A wholesaler of intoxicating liquor shall charge the same price to all campuses and retail licensees and permittees making purchases in similar quantities. Any discount offered on intoxicating liquor shall be delivered to the retailer in a single transaction and single delivery, and on a single invoice.

**(4) RETAIL PURCHASE CREDIT RESTRICTIONS.** (a) *Restrictions on sales.* 1. No intoxicating liquor retail licensee or retail permittee may:

a. Receive, purchase or acquire intoxicating liquor from any permittee except for cash or credit for a period of not more than 30 days.

b. Receive, purchase or acquire intoxicating liquor from any permittee if at the time of the receipt, purchase or acquisition, he or she is indebted to any permittee for intoxicating liquor received, purchased, acquired or delivered more than 30 days earlier.

2. No campus or intoxicating liquor retail licensee or permittee may receive any intoxicating liquor on consignment or on any basis other than a bona fide sale.

(b) *Restrictions on issuance of licenses and permits.* No intoxicating liquor retail license or retail permit may be issued under this chapter to any person having an indebtedness for intoxicating liquor outstanding more than 30 days. In each application for a retail license or retail permit, the applicant shall state whether the applicant has any indebtedness for intoxicating liquor to any licensee or permittee which has been outstanding for more than 30 days.

(c) *Wholesalers holding retail licenses and permits.* For purposes of this subsection, a person holding both an intoxicating liquor wholesale permit and intoxicating liquor retail license is deemed an intoxicating liquor retailer.

(d) *Penalties.* A retail licensee or retail permittee who violates par. (a) is subject to the penalties in s. 125.11 (1), except that he or she may not be imprisoned.

(e) *Costs.* The cost of administering this subsection shall be charged to the manufacturer, rectifier and wholesaler permittees. The department shall determine the costs and shall establish the procedure for apportioning the cost against the permittees and provide for the method of payment to the department.

**(5) AMERICAN SOURCE OF SUPPLY.** No wholesaler may purchase intoxicating liquor for resale unless he or she purchases it either from the primary American source of supply for the brand of intoxicating liquor sought to be sold or from a wholesaler within this state who holds a permit issued under this chapter. No wholesaler may sell intoxicating liquor purchased by the wholesaler to any other licensee or permittee under this chapter if the intoxicating liquor has not been purchased by the wholesaler from the primary American source of supply or from a wholesaler within the state holding a permit issued under this chapter.

**(6) CAMPUSES AND RETAILERS TO PURCHASE FROM PERSONS HOLDING PERMITS.** No campus or retail licensee or permittee may purchase or possess intoxicating liquor purchased from any person other than a manufacturer, rectifier or wholesaler holding a permit under this chapter for the sale of intoxicating liquor.

**(7) LICENSE OR PERMIT REVOCATION.** The violation of sub. (1), (2), (3) or (5) is suffi-

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cient cause for the revocation of the license or permit of any licensee or permittee receiving the benefit from the prohibited act as well as the

revocation of the license or permit of the licensee or permittee committing the prohibited act.

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