State of Wisconsin
2015 – 2016 LEGISLATURE

2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 286

July 8, 2015 – Introduced by Representatives JARCHOW, NERISON, BALLWEG, BERNIER, E. BROOKS, KITCHENS, KREMER, MACCO, MURPHY, MURSAU, NEYLON, PETRYK, BERCEAU, CONSIDINE, DANOU, MILROY and MEYERS, cosponsored by Senators HARSDORF, LASEE, GUDEX, NASS, WANGGAARD, BEWLEY, LASSA and VINEHOUT. Referred to Committee on State Affairs and Government Operations.

1   AN ACT *to amend* 125.68 (4) (c) 3m. of the statutes; **relating to:** closing hours

2   for retail sales by wineries.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, with limited exceptions, no person may sell alcohol beverages to a consumer unless the seller possesses a license or permit authorizing the sale. Current law allows a winery to hold one retail license, which may be either a "Class A" license or a "Class B" license. A "Class B" license issued to a winery authorizes the retail sale of wine to be consumed by the glass or in opened containers on the licensed premises and authorizes the retail sale of wine in the original package or container to be consumed off the licensed premises. A winery operating under a retail "Class B" license may not remain open for retail sales of wine between the hours of 9 p.m. and 8 a.m.

This bill changes the closing hour for wineries operating under a retail "Class B" license from 9 p.m. to midnight, but allows municipalities to establish, by ordinance, more restrictive closing hours for these wineries.

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

3   SECTION 1. 125.68 (4) (c) 3m. of the statutes is amended to read:

4   125.68 **(4)** (c) 3m. No premises for which a "Class B" license has been issued

5   under s. 125.51 (3) (am) may remain open for the sale of intoxicating liquor between

1   the hours of 9 p.m. 12 midnight and 8 a.m. A municipality may, by ordinance, impose

2   more restrictive hours than are provided in this subdivision.

3   **(END)**