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**CHAPTER 22**

**AN ACT** to amend section 1565d of the statutes, relating to limitation on number of liquor licenses.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** Section 1565d of the statutes is amended to read: Section 1565d. On and after the first day of July, 1907, the number of persons and places which may be licensed to sell, deal and traffic in malt, ardent, spirituous or intoxicating liquors in the various towns, villages and cities in this state, shall be and hereby are limited as follows:

One such license may be granted to and issued for each five hundred inhabitants or fraction thereof in any town, village or city in this state, such population to be determined by the last preceding national census or official estimate thereof made by the bureau of the census of the United States government, *except that when new villages have been incorporated since the last preceding national census was taken, such population shall be determined by the census taken in the proceedings incorporating such villages as provided by sections 855 and 860 of the statutes*, provided, however, that in all such cities, villages and towns where a greater number of licenses may have been granted or issued and in force on or prior to the thirtieth day of June, 1907, than would be permissible under the foregoing limitation it shall be lawful and the local authorities are hereby authorized in their discretion to grant and issue licenses equal in number to those granted or issued and in force on or prior to said last-mentioned day; but no additional licenses in number shall be granted or issued in any such city, village or town until the increase in population thereof brings the same within the foregoing limitation, and provided further that licenses be granted or issued to persons for those places or locations for which licenses were issued or granted on or prior to the thirtieth day of June, 1907, unless by reason of a refusal of the owner to lease the same for such purposes, their destruction by fire or the elements or the same be refused by operation of law or under the provisions of this act, then and in either of such cases such license may be issued or granted to some other location.

**SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved March 21, 1917.