

State of Wisconsin



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2011 WISCONSIN ACT 129

AN ACT *to amend* 93.23 (1) (e), 125.51 (10), 125.53 (1) and 125.69 (1) (b) 1.; and *to create* 125.69 (1) (b) 5. of the statutes; **relating to:** temporary alcohol beverages licenses issued for fairgrounds and eligibility for state aid for fairs.

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

SECTION 1. 93.23 (1) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

93.23 (1) (e) Not later than 30 days after the close of the fair each year the county clerk, or the person appointed to file the statements under this paragraph by the county board, agricultural society, association, or board claiming state aid, shall file with the department, on forms provided by the department, an itemized statement verified on oath, showing net premiums actually paid or to be paid at the preceding fair, which must correspond with uniform premium lists and other requirements under par. (a). The statement shall also include a statement that at the fair all gambling devices whatsoever, the sale of intoxicating liquors, excepting fermented malt beverage, as defined in s. 125.02 (6), and wine, as defined in s. 125.02 (22), and exhibitions of immoral character were prohibited and excluded from the fairgrounds and all adjacent grounds under the authority or control of the county board, agricultural society, association, or board claiming state aid. On or before December 31 of the year in which the fair is held, the person filing the statements under this paragraph shall furnish the department a statement of receipts and disbursements, attendance, and any other information that the department requires. Upon receipt of the required

report, each fair shall be paid 100%, or the prorated percentage, of the aid due the preceding year.

SECTION 2. 125.51 (10) of the statutes is amended to read:

125.51 (10) TEMPORARY LICENSES. Notwithstanding s. 125.68 (3), temporary "Class B" licenses may be issued to bona fide clubs, to county or local fair associations or agricultural societies, to churches, lodges or societies that have been in existence for at least 6 months before the date of application and to posts of veterans' organizations authorizing the sale of wine in an original package, container or bottle or by the glass if the wine is dispensed directly from an original package, container or bottle 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 \$10, except that no fee may be charged to a person who at the same time applies for a temporary Class "B" license under s. 125.26 (6) for the same event. A license issued to a county or district fair licenses the entire fairgrounds where the fair is being conducted and all persons engaging in retail sales of wine from leased stands on the fairgrounds. The 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 wine from the stands while the fair is being held. If a county or district fair leases any stand to a winery holding a permit under s. 125.53, in addition to making

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2009-10 : Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].

retail sales of wine from the leased stand, the winery may provide taste samples anywhere on the fairgrounds of wine manufactured by the winery. Not more than 2 licenses may be issued under this subsection to any club, county or local fair association, agricultural association, church, lodge, society or veterans post in any 12-month period.

SECTION 3. 125.53 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

125.53 (1) The department shall issue only to a manufacturing winery in this state that holds a valid certificate issued under s. 73.03 (50) a winery permit authorizing the manufacture and bottling of wine on the premises covered by the permit for sale to wholesalers holding a permit under s. 125.54. A winery permit also authorizes the permittee to, on the winery premises and without obtaining a rectifier's permit, possess intoxicating liquor and mix or blend intoxicating liquor to produce wine sold to wholesalers holding a permit under s. 125.54. A winery holding a permit under this section may offer on the premises taste samples of wine manufactured on the premises to persons who have attained the legal drinking age. A permittee under this section may also have either one "Class A" license or one "Class B" license, but not both. The "Class A" license or "Class B" license may either be issued for the winery premises or for real estate owned or leased by the winery. If a "Class A" or "Class B" liquor license has also been issued to the winery, the winery may provide wine manufactured, mixed, or

blended on the winery premises directly to the "Class A" or "Class B" premises and may offer the taste samples on the "Class A" or "Class B" premises. A winery holding a permit under this section may also make retail sales and provide taste samples on county or district fair fairgrounds as provided in s. 125.51 (10), but this wine sold at retail or provided as taste samples shall be purchased from a wholesaler holding a permit under s. 125.54.

SECTION 4. 125.69 (1) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

125.69 (1) (b) 1. Except as provided under ~~subds. 4. and 5.~~, no intoxicating liquor manufacturer, rectifier, winery, out-of-state shipper permittee, or wholesaler may hold any direct or indirect interest in any "Class B" license or permit or establishment or "Class C" license or establishment and no "Class B" licensee or permittee or "Class C" licensee may hold any direct or indirect interest in a manufacturer, rectifier, winery, out-of-state shipper, or wholesale permit or establishment.

SECTION 5. 125.69 (1) (b) 5. of the statutes is created to read:

125.69 (1) (b) 5. A winery that has a permit under s. 125.53 may make retail sales and provide taste samples on county or district fair fairgrounds, as provided in s. 125.51 (10), under a "Class B" license issued under s. 125.51 (10) to a county or local fair association.

SECTION 5m. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 3rd month beginning after publication.