



State of Wisconsin
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1997 SENATE BILL 422

January 28, 1998 - Introduced by Senator MOEN, by request of Buffalo County District Attorney James DuVall. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Campaign Finance Reform and Consumer Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to repeal** 125.12 (1) (b); **to renumber and amend** 125.12 (1) (a); and **to**
2 **amend** 125.04 (5) (a) 1. of the statutes; **relating to:** authority to consider a
3 single violation of law prohibiting furnishing alcohol beverages to an underage
4 person in an action to revoke, suspend or refuse to renew a license or permit to
5 sell alcohol beverages.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law prohibits any person from furnishing alcohol beverages to an underage person (a person who has not reached the legal drinking age of 21 years of age), unless the underage person is accompanied by his or her parent, legal guardian or spouse who has attained the legal drinking age. Also under current law, a municipality may revoke, suspend or refuse to renew a license to sell alcohol beverages issued by the municipality if the person to whom the license is issued has violated any law relating to alcohol beverages. The department of revenue has similar authority to revoke, suspend or refuse to renew a permit issued by the department for the sale of alcohol beverages. 1997 Wisconsin Act 27 (the biennial budget act) prohibited municipalities and the department of revenue from considering a single violation of these prohibitions against furnishing alcohol beverages to an underage person in any action to revoke, suspend or refuse to renew a license or permit to sell alcohol beverages. A municipality or the department of revenue may now consider such violations only if the person to whom the license or permit is issued has committed 2 or more such violations within any calendar year.

