



2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 626

December 18, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives JORGENSEN, BALLWEG, HINTZ, PARISI, VAN AKKEREN and ZEPNICK, cosponsored by Senator TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 125.51 (4) (w) 5. of the statutes; **relating to:** allowing the city
2 of Fort Atkinson to exceed its retail liquor license quota by issuing two
3 additional retail licenses.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law prohibits a person from selling alcohol beverages at retail unless the seller possesses a license or permit authorizing the sale. A “Class B” license authorizes the retail sale of intoxicating liquor for consumption on the retail premises and, subject to various restrictions, the retail sale of intoxicating liquor in original packages for consumption off the retail premises. Current law imposes a quota on the number of “Class B” licenses that a municipality may issue. This quota is generally determined by a formula based on the number of licenses previously issued by the municipality and the municipality’s population. Current law also provides a limited number of quota exceptions.

This bill allows the city of Fort Atkinson to issue, for restaurants, two “Class B” licenses in addition to the “Class B” licenses authorized under the city’s quota. These licenses may be renewed, but if such a license is surrendered, not renewed, or revoked, the city cannot reissue the license. The city also cannot issue these licenses later than approximately six months after the bill’s effective date.

