

1971 Senate Bill 453

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AN ACT to amend 66.054 (13), 238.01, 238.05 and 247.02 (8) of the statutes, relating to lowering the age of majority from 21 years of age to 18 years.

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

SECTION 1. 66.054 (13) of the statutes is amended to read:

66.054 (13) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting or restricting any city, village or town ordinances from placing additional regulations in or upon the sale of fermented malt beverages, not in conflict with the terms and provisions of this section ~~but any city, village or town may by ordinance prohibit the selling, dispensing, giving or furnishing fermented malt beverages to anyone under 21 years of age when not accompanied by parent or guardian or spouse, and all such ordinances duly enacted before August 5, 1955 and otherwise valid are hereby declared to be valid.~~ This subsection does not give any municipal corporation the power to enact an ordinance forbidding persons ~~between the ages~~ over the age of 18 ~~and 21~~ years from acting as check-out clerks or delivery personnel in grocery stores licensed to sell fermented malt beverages or from preventing such check-out clerks from including fermented malt beverages in the items which they are permitted to sell or preventing such delivery personnel from delivering fermented malt beverages from the licensed premises to the cars or homes of customers.

SECTION 2. 238.01 of the statutes is amended to read:

238.01 Every person of full age ~~and any married woman of the age of 18 years and upward~~ and any other minor who is a member of the military or naval forces of the United States, being of sound mind, seized in his or her own right of any lands or of any right thereto or entitled to any interest therein, descendible to his or her heirs, may devise and dispose of the same by last will and testament in writing; and all such estate not disposed of by will shall descend as the estate of an intestate, being chargeable in both cases with the payment of all his or her debts except as provided in ch. 237 and in s. 238.04.

SECTION 3. 238.05 of the statutes is amended to read:

238.05 Every person of full age ~~and every married woman of the age of 18 years and upward~~ and any other minor who is a member of the military or naval forces of the United States, being of sound mind, may, by last will and testament in writing, bequeath and dispose of all his or her personal estate remaining at his or her decease and all his or her rights thereto and interest therein, subject to the payment of debts, and all such estate not disposed of by the will shall be administered as intestate estate.

SECTION 4. 247.02 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

247.02 (8) At the suit of the parent or the guardian of the person of a party marrying without the consent of said parent or guardian where such consent is required by s. 245.02, provided the action is commenced before said party reaches the age of ~~21 years if a male or 18 if a female~~ years and within one year after the marriage.

SECTION 5. Wherever the term "twenty-one years", "21 years" or "21" appear in the following sections of the statutes the term "18 years" is substituted: 29.09 (1), 36.31 (6), 38.19 (1) (d), (2), (4) and (5), 46.10 (14), 48.34 (2) and (3), 48.35 (2), 48.44 (2), 48.52 (3), 48.53 (2), 49.45 (8), 49.47 (1), (4) and (6) (a), 54.08 (3), 54.10, 54.12 (1), 54.14, 54.15 (1), 62.13 (4) (d), 66.054 (8) (a), (9) (g), (10) (a), (11) (a) and (b), (22) and (23), 66.402 (1) (c), 92.03 (4), 102.17 (6), 103.69 (1) and (2), 106.02, 108.02 (5) (g) 16, 137.01 (1), 155.06 (2), 156.045 (1) (a), 156.08 (2) (a), 158.11 (1) (a), 159.08 (2) (a), 161.28 (2), 161.30 (12) (f), 176.05 (9), 176.31 (2), 176.32 (1), 180.44, 181.30, 187.01 (1) and (4), 187.13 (1), 206.41 (1) (b), 225.01, 245.02 (2), 319.01 (2), 319.175, 319.32, 319.61 (1) and (11), 319.64 (4), 319.67 (4), 343.12 (2) (a), 343.15 (4) (d), 343.30 (6), 346.93, 440.26 (1), 448.06 (1), 448.11, 449.05 (1) (b), 450.02 (1), 453.06 (1), 455.04 (1) (a), 456.04 (3), 856.23, 861.35 (1) and (2), 893.135 (1), 893.33 (1), 895.04 (4) and 990.01 (3) and (20).