CHAPTER 220

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AN ACT to amend 125.51 (5) (a) 1 and 4; and to create 125.51 (4) (j) of the statutes, relating to club liquor licenses and permits.

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

SECTION 1. 125.51 (4) (j) of the statutes is created to read:

125.51 (4) (j) Each municipality that issues “Class B” licenses shall issue a “Class B” license to any club which, on June 30, 1982, held a “Class B” license issued by the department under s. 176.05 (4a), 1979 stats. Licenses issued under this paragraph shall be renewed annually, upon application, unless revoked under s. 125.12. The quota of a municipality is permanently increased by the number of licenses it issues under this paragraph.

SECTION 2. 125.51 (5) (a) 1 and 4 of the statutes, as created by chapter 79, laws of 1981, are amended to read:

125.51 (5) (a) 1. The department shall issue “Class B” permits to clubs which are operated solely for the playing of golf or tennis and are commonly known as country clubs, to clubs which are operated solely for curling and to yachting clubs. A “Class B” permit may be issued only to a club that is not open to the general public and that is located in a municipality that does not issue “Class B” licenses. The permits may be issued by the department without regard to any local option exercised under s. 125.05 and without regard to any quota under sub. (4). The holder of a “Class B” permit may sell intoxicating liquor for consumption by the glass and not in the original package or container on the premises covered by the permit.

4. Any The department may annually issue a “Class B” permit to any club which is organized to engage in sports similar to curling, golf, tennis or yachting and which held a license from July 1, 1950, to June 30, 1951, may annually be issued a permit as long as it is continuously operated under substantially the same circumstances under which it operated during the year beginning July 1, 1950, if the club is located in a municipality that does not issue “Class B” licenses.

SECTION 3. Effective date. This act takes effect on July 1, 1982.