

1999 SENATE BILL 121

April 21, 1999 – Introduced by Senators WIRCH, PANZER and MOEN, cosponsored by Representatives PORTER, KREUSER, KREIBICH and GRONEMUS. Referred to Committee on Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to create* 135.07 (4) of the statutes; **relating to:** exempting wine and
2 liquor dealerships from the Wisconsin Fair Dealership Law.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under the current law known as the Wisconsin Fair Dealership Law, a person who grants a dealership (a grantor) may not terminate, cancel, fail to renew or substantially change the competitive circumstances of the dealership agreement without good cause. Current law also provides that, with certain exceptions, if a grantor decides not to renew a dealership or decides to terminate, cancel or make a substantial change in the competitive circumstances of the dealership, the grantor must provide the dealer with at least 90 days written notice of the grantor's decision. The notice must state all of the reasons for the grantor's decision and must provide that the dealer has 60 days in which to rectify any claimed deficiency. Certain motor vehicle dealerships, insurance dealerships and dealerships under which goods or services are marketed on a door-to-door basis are exempt from these provisions.

This bill provides that dealerships that grant the right to sell or distribute intoxicating liquor or wine are also exempt from these dealership provisions.

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

- 3 **SECTION 1.** 135.07 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

