2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 104

February 6, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives Pettis, Walker, Duff, J. Lehman, Gronemus, Krawczyk, Jeskewitz, Gunderson, Grothman, Albers, Sykora, D. Meyer, Townsend, Vrakas, McCormick and Petrowski, cosponsored by Senators Breske, Darling, Huelsman, Rosenzweig and Zien. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

1 AN ACT *to create* 125.06 (13) of the statutes; **relating to:** allowing a "Class A" 2 licensee to provide wine free of charge for consumption on the licensee's 3 premises.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, with certain exceptions, no owner, lessee, or person in charge of a public place may allow the consumption of alcohol beverages on the premises unless that owner, lessee, or person in charge holds the appropriate license or permit. A "Class A" license authorizes the license holder to sell wine or liquor at retail for consumption only off the licensed premises. A "Class B" license authorizes the license holder to sell alcohol beverages at retail for consumption on or off the licensed premises.

This bill allows a "Class A" license holder to provide two wine taste samples of not more than three fluid ounces each, free of charge, for consumption on the licensed premises between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. The bill also allows municipalities to override the effect of the statute and prohibit the provision of wine taste samples by "Class A" licensees.

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

SECTION 1. 125.06 (13) of the statutes is created to read:

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1 125.06 (13) WINE SAMPLING ON "CLASS A" PREMISES. (a) The provision of wine 2 taste samples of not more than 3 fluid ounces each, free of charge, by a "Class A" 3 licensee to customers and visitors for consumption on the premises. No "Class A" 4 licensee may provide more than 2 taste samples per day to any one person. This 5 subsection applies only between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Notwithstanding 6 s. 125.07 (1) (a) 1., no "Class A" licensee may provide taste samples under this 7 subsection to any underage person. No "Class A" licensee may provide as taste 8 samples under this subsection wine that the "Class A" licensee did not purchase from 9 a wholesaler.

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10 (b) Notwithstanding par. (a) and s. 125.10 (1), a municipality may prohibit the
11 provision of wine under this subsection.

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(END)