2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 902

March 14, 2002 – Introduced by Representatives La Fave, Urban, Turner, Jeskewitz, Albers and J. Lehman, cosponsored by Senator Roessler. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

AN ACT *to amend* 125.07 (1) (a) 3. of the statutes; **relating to:** the prohibition against adults knowingly permitting or failing to take action to prevent the illegal consumption of alcohol beverages by underage persons.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, with certain exceptions, a person who has not reached the legal drinking age of 21 years (underage person), and who is not accompanied by his or her parent, guardian, or spouse who has attained the legal drinking age, may not knowingly possess or consume alcohol beverages. Current law prohibits an adult from knowingly permitting or failing to take action to prevent the illegal consumption of alcohol beverages by an underage person on "premises" owned by the adult or under the adult's control. "Premises" is defined as the area described in a license or permit for the sale of alcohol beverages.

This bill specifies that an adult may not knowingly permit or fail to take action to prevent the illegal consumption of alcohol beverages by an underage person on any property owned by the adult or under the adult's control, regardless of whether the property is covered by an alcohol beverages license or permit.

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

SECTION 1. 125.07 (1) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

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125.07 (1) (a) 3. No adult may knowingly permit or fail to take action to prevent
the illegal consumption of alcohol beverages by an underage person on premises
property owned by the adult or under the adult's control. This subdivision does not
apply to alcohol beverages used exclusively as part of a religious service.

5 (END)