

2005 Assembly Bill 619

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2005 WISCONSIN ACT 268

AN ACT *to amend* 125.68 (4) (c) 1., 125.68 (4) (c) 3. and 125.68 (4) (c) 4.; and *to create* 125.51 (3r) of the statutes; relating to: retail sales of wine by the bottle in restaurants for consumption on and off the premises.

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

SECTION 1. 125.51 (3r) of the statutes is created to read:

125.51 (3r) SALES OF WINE BY THE BOTTLE IN RESTAURANTS. (a) Notwithstanding subs. (3) (a) and (b) and (3m) (b), a “Class B” license or “Class C” license authorizes the retail sale of wine in an opened original bottle, in a quantity not to exceed one bottle, for consumption both on and off the premises where sold if all of the following apply:

1. The licensed premises is a restaurant also operated under a “Class B” or “Class C” license and the purchaser of the wine orders food to be consumed on the licensed premises.

2. The licensee provides a dated receipt that identifies the purchase of the food and the bottle of wine.

3. Prior to the opened, partially consumed bottle of wine being taken off the licensed premises, the licensee securely reinserts the cork into the bottle to the point where the top of the cork is even with the top of the bottle and the cork is reinserted at a time other than during the time period specified in s. 125.68 (4) (c) 3.

(b) This subsection does not apply to a “Class B” license issued to a winery under s. 125.51 (3) (am). Nothing in this subsection restricts a licensee’s authorization

for retail sales of wine under subs. (3) (a) and (b) and (3m) (b).

SECTION 2. 125.68 (4) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

125.68 (4) (c) 1. ~~No~~ Subject to subd. 3. and s. 125.51 (3r) (a) 3., no premises for which a “Class B” license or permit or a “Class C” license has been issued may remain open between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., except as otherwise provided in this subdivision and subd. 4. On January 1 premises operating under a “Class B” license or permit are not required to close. On Saturday and Sunday, no premises may remain open between 2:30 a.m. and 6 a.m. This subdivision does not apply to a “Class B” license issued to a winery under s. 125.51 (3) (am).

SECTION 3. 125.68 (4) (c) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

125.68 (4) (c) 3. Between 12 midnight and 6 a.m. no person may sell intoxicating liquor on “Class B” licensed premises in an original unopened package, container or bottle or for consumption away from the premises or on “Class C” licensed premises as authorized under s. 125.51 (3r) (a). A municipal governing body may, by ordinance, impose more restrictive hours than are provided in this subdivision except with respect to the sale of intoxicating liquor authorized under s. 125.51 (3r) (a). This subdivision does not apply to a “Class B” license issued to a winery under s. 125.51 (3) (am).

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2003–04 : Effective date of acts. “Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor’s partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated” by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].

SECTION 4. 125.68 (4) (c) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

125.68 (4) (c) 4. Hotels and restaurants the principal business of which is the furnishing of food, drinks or lodging to patrons, bowling centers, indoor horseshoe-pitching facilities, curling clubs, golf courses and golf

clubhouses may remain open for the conduct of their regular business but may not sell intoxicating liquor during the closing hours under subd. 1. or, with respect to the sale of intoxicating liquor authorized under s. 125.51 (3r) (a), under subd. 3.
