2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 835

February 21, 2008 – Introduced by Representative GOTTLIEB, cosponsored by Senator GROTHMAN. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

1   AN ACT *to create* 125.51 (4) (w) of the statutes; **relating to:** allowing a village

2   meeting specified criteria to exceed its retail liquor license quota by issuing one

3   additional retail license.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law prohibits a person from selling alcohol beverages at retail unless the seller possesses a license or permit authorizing the sale. A "Class B" license authorizes the sale of intoxicating liquor at retail for consumption on the premises where sold and is issued for specific premises. Current law imposes a quota on the number of "Class B" licenses that a municipality may issue. This quota is generally determined by a formula based on the number of licenses previously issued by the municipality and the municipality's population. Current law also provides a limited number of quota exceptions.

This bill allows any village in the northern geographical half of Ozaukee County having a population of more than 4,000 to issue one "Class B" license in addition to the "Class B" licenses authorized under the village's quota.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

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ASSEMBLY BILL 835   **SECTION 1**

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

2   125.51 **(4)** (w) Notwithstanding pars. (am) to (d) and s. 125.185 (5), the village

3   board of any village in the northern geographical half of Ozaukee County having a

4   population of more than 4,000 may issue, to any applicant designated by the village

5   board, one "Class B" license in addition to the number of licenses determined for the

6   village's quota under pars. (b) to (d).

7   **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

8   (1) This act first applies to the issuance of a "Class B" license on the effective

9   date of this subsection.

10   **(END)**