



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2007 Assembly Bill 835

Assembly Amendment 1

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Current law imposes a *quota* on the number of “Class B” (liquor bar) retail intoxicating liquor 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*.

Assembly Bill 835 creates a new, limited quota exception, allowing 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.

Assembly Amendment 1 adds provisions to the bill specifying that:

1. No “Class B” license may be issued under the bill, if enacted into law, *after the first day of the 4th month* beginning after the effective date of the new law.
2. If a “Class B” license issued under the bill is surrendered to the issuing village, not renewed, or revoked, the village *may not reissue* the license. However, a “Class B” license issued under the new law *may be transferred* in the same manner as other alcohol beverage licenses as provided under s. 125.04 (12) (b) 4., Stats.

Legislative History

In executive session on February 26, 2008, the Assembly Committee on State Affairs voted to adopt Assembly Amendment 1 (offered by Representative Gottlieb) and to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 10; Noes, 0.

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