February 13, 2007 – Introduced by Representatives GOTTLIEB, WOOD, BALLWEG, GUNDERSON, HAHN, HINES, JESKEWITZ, F. LASEE, LOTHIAN, J. OTT and TOWNSEND, cosponsored by Senators GROTHMAN, DARLING, KANAVAS and KEDZIE. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

1 AN ACT to amend 125.51 (10) of the statutes; relating to: temporary alcohol beverage retail licenses.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law authorizes municipalities to issue temporary “Class B” licenses to certain clubs, fair associations, agricultural societies, churches, veterans organizations, lodges, and societies that authorize the retail sale of wine at fairs, meetings, picnics, and similar gatherings hosted by these organizations. A municipality may not issue to one of these organizations more than two temporary “Class B” licenses in any 12-month period.

This bill increases, from two to ten, the number of temporary “Class B” licenses that a municipality may issue to one of these organizations in any 12-month period.

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:

3 SECTION 1. 125.51 (10) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 125.51 (10) TEMPORARY LICENSES. Notwithstanding s. 125.68 (3), temporary “Class B” licenses may be issued to bona fide clubs, to county or local fair associations
or agricultural societies, to churches, lodges or societies that have been in existence
for at least 6 months before the date of application and to posts of veterans’
organizations authorizing the sale of wine in an original package, container or bottle
or by the glass if the wine is dispensed directly from an original package, container
or bottle at a particular picnic or similar gathering, at a meeting of the post, or during
a fair conducted by the fair association or agricultural society. The amount of the fee
for the license shall be $10, except that no fee may be charged to a person who at the
same time applies for a temporary Class “B” license under s. 125.26 (6) for the same
event. A license issued to a county or district fair licenses the entire fairgrounds
where the fair is being conducted and all persons engaging in retail sales of wine from
leased stands on the fairgrounds. The county or district fair to which the license is
issued may lease stands on the fairgrounds to persons who may engage in retail sales
of wine from the stands while the fair is being held. Not more than 10 licenses may
be issued under this subsection to any club, county or local fair association,
agricultural association, church, lodge, society or veterans post in any 12–month
period.

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