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

AN ACT to create 125.51 (4) (w) of the statutes; relating to: allowing a village meeting specified criteria to exceed its retail liquor license quota by issuing one 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:
SECTION 1. 125.51 (4) (w) of the statutes is created to read:

125.51 (4) (w) Notwithstanding pars. (am) to (d) and s. 125.185 (5), the village board of any village in the northern geographical half of Ozaukee County having a population of more than 4,000 may issue, to any applicant designated by the village board, one “Class B” license in addition to the number of licenses determined for the village’s quota under pars. (b) to (d).

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to the issuance of a “Class B” license on the effective date of this subsection.

(END)