February 27, 2008 – Introduced by Senators DARLING, A. LASEE and PLALE, cosponsored by Representatives MUSER and BERCEAU. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Tourism.

AN ACT to renumber and amend 125.09 (1); and to create 125.09 (1) (b) of the statutes; relating to: the consumption of alcohol beverages in public places.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, an owner, lessee, or person in charge of a public place may not permit the consumption of alcohol beverages on the premises of the public place unless the person has an appropriate retail license or permit. Certain exceptions exist, including for county buildings and parks, athletic fields and stadiums, school buildings, churches, state fair parks, and clubs.

This bill allows an owner, lessee, or person in charge of a public place used to conduct culinary or cooking classes to permit wine to be consumed at the location where the culinary or cooking class is conducted while the culinary or cooking class is conducted.

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

SECTION 1. 125.09 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 125.09 (1) (a) and amended to read:

125.09 (1) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), no owner, lessee, or person in charge of a public place may permit the consumption of alcohol beverages on the
premises of the public place, unless the person has an appropriate retail license or permit. This subsection paragraph does not apply to municipalities, buildings and parks owned by counties, regularly established athletic fields and stadiums, school buildings, churches, premises in a state fair park or clubs.

SECTION 2. 125.09 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

125.09 (1) (b) Any owner, lessee, or person in charge of a public place used to conduct culinary or cooking classes may permit wine to be consumed at the location where the culinary or cooking class is conducted while the culinary or cooking class is conducted.