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Mary Lazich

Wisconsin State Senator

Senate District 28

PUBLIC HEARING

Senate Committee on Transportation, Tourism and Insurance

Testimony-Cage Bill

May 23, 2007

Good afternoon Committee Chair Breske and committee members. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to the Senate Committee on Transportation, Tourism and Insurance about Senate Bill 187, the batting cage bill.

Current law provides an exception to underage person's presence on the premises of bowling centers, billiard centers meeting certain requirements, an indoor golf simulator facility, an outdoor volleyball court adjacent to a licensed premise, and an indoor volleyball court of a certain size and licensed to sell alcoholic beverages. The batting cage bill extends the exception to a facility that has five or more indoor batting cages and measure at least 12 feet in width, 14 feet in height, and 60 feet in length.

This legislation is at the request of a constituent. The batting cage/baseball training facility would be open to all age groups including children's lessons, high school players, college players, and men's and women's softball players. The facility would have batting cages, a retail shop, a restaurant and concession area, and lounge areas with video screens. The facility would have an open floor plan with a mezzanine level. The attempt is to create a stadium-like atmosphere. This batting cage facility would be the only one of its kind in the state to have dimensions similar to the facility used by the Milwaukee Brewers at Miller Park. I believe this would be an outstanding asset for Wisconsin, Wisconsin athletics, and Wisconsin youth.



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The City of Muskego provides Common Council Resolution #100-2007 approved by the Muskego Common Council on May 8, 2007. Attached to my testimony is a copy of city of Muskego Common Council Resolution #100-2007 for your review.

Batting cages are a tremendous tool for aspiring young ballplayers, including hitters with their sights set on the minor and major leagues. Wisconsin is fortunate to have two minor league baseball teams, the Beloit Snappers and the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers. Batting cages allow baseball and softball players of all age and skill levels to improve performance by fine-tuning their batting skills.

Batting cages have machines with pitching arms that wind up and deliver the ball simulating a real pitcher in a real game. The arm throwing pitching machine will not only help a hitter improve his swing, but will also help them master rhythm and timing, a very important aspect of hitting.

The large, bright batting cages allow players to have great vision of the baseball or softball. Some batting cages come equipped with cameras that allow players to be videotaped from various angles. The videotapes are perfect for player evaluation and critique and can be used by young players to submit to colleges to consider for eligibility.

Baseball is America's pastime. Most baseball fans identify their love of the game with childhood. That is when they first grew to love the game, having been introduced to the sport by a parent or grandparent that in turn learned it from a parent or grandparent.

Senate Bill 187 allows for enhancing the opportunities to learn and acquire skills about athletics. It allows children the chance to participate in a sport, learn the value of good sportsmanship, team work, discipline, and experience the benefit of physical fitness.

**COMMON COUNCIL - CITY OF MUSKEGO
RESOLUTION #100-2007**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LRB-2103/P3, AN ACT TO CREATE 125.07 (3) (a) 3g.
OF THE WISCONSIN STATE STATUTES, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION
AGAINST UNDERAGE PERSONS ENTERING OR BEING ON ANY PREMISES
OPERATING UNDER AN ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE**

WHEREAS, The City of Muskego Finance Committee met on April 24, 2007, and is recommending the Common Council support an Act to create 125.07 (3) (a) 3g. of the Wisconsin State Statutes; and

WHEREAS, This proposed Act will allow for underage persons, who are not currently allowed on the premises for which a license for the retail sale of alcohol beverages has been issued pursuant to state law, to be on the premises if a batting cage facility with five (5) or more indoor batting cages that are not designed for coin operation and that measure at least 12 feet in width, 14 feet in height, and 60 feet long is present; and

WHEREAS, current state law allows similar situations for underage persons when billiard tables, indoor golf simulators, and volleyball courts are a part of the licensed premises, with certain stipulations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Muskego Common Council recognizes no difference between the presence of an underage person on a premises operating under an alcohol beverage license when billiard tables, indoor golf simulator, and volleyball courts are present than when batting cages are present.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Common Council, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, hereby supports an Act, reference LRB-2103/P3 which is attached to this Resolution, creating 125.07 (3) (a) 3g. of the Wisconsin State Statutes to allow underage persons to be on the premises operating under an alcohol beverage license if a batting cage facility with five (5) or more indoor batting cages that are not designed for coin operation and that measure at least 12 feet in width, 14 feet in height, and 60 feet long is present.

DATED THIS 8th DAY OF May, 2007.

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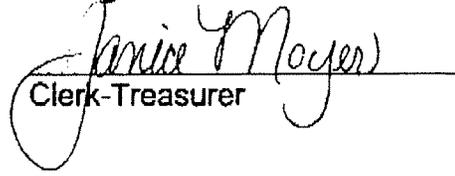
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ald. Bob Melcher

Ald. Neil Borgman

Ald. Keith Werner

This is to certify that this is a true and accurate copy of Resolution #100-2007 which was adopted by the Common Council of the City of Muskego.


Clerk-Treasurer

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