

**2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 85**

February 24, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives GOTTLIEB, TAUCHEN, NYGREN, LOTHIAN, NEWCOMER, MURSAU, VOS, TOWNSEND, BIES, MURTHA, BALLWEG, NERISON, STRACHOTA and SPANBAUER, cosponsored by Senators GROTHMAN, TAYLOR and DARLING. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

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

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***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.

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***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  
5     “Class B” licenses may be issued to bona fide clubs, to county or local fair associations

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1 or agricultural societies, to churches, lodges or societies that have been in existence  
2 for at least 6 months before the date of application and to posts of veterans'  
3 organizations authorizing the sale of wine in an original package, container or bottle  
4 or by the glass if the wine is dispensed directly from an original package, container  
5 or bottle at a particular picnic or similar gathering, at a meeting of the post, or during  
6 a fair conducted by the fair association or agricultural society. The amount of the fee  
7 for the license shall be \$10, except that no fee may be charged to a person who at the  
8 same time applies for a temporary Class "B" license under s. 125.26 (6) for the same  
9 event. A license issued to a county or district fair licenses the entire fairgrounds  
10 where the fair is being conducted and all persons engaging in retail sales of wine from  
11 leased stands on the fairgrounds. The county or district fair to which the license is  
12 issued may lease stands on the fairgrounds to persons who may engage in retail sales  
13 of wine from the stands while the fair is being held. Not more than ~~2~~ 10 licenses may  
14 be issued under this subsection to any club, county or local fair association,  
15 agricultural association, church, lodge, society or veterans post in any 12-month  
16 period.

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