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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The sale of alcohol beverages and the issuance of liquor licenses are regulated in Wisconsin. Under current law, retail licenses to sell alcohol beverages, such as beer and intoxicating liquor are generally issued by municipalities (towns, villages and cities). In limited circumstances, however, the Department of Revenue (DOR) also issues permits for the retail sale of beer and intoxicating liquor.

2009 Wisconsin Act 28 established a new exception to local issuance of liquor licenses for bars and restaurants. Under this exception, DOR is required to issue a bar and/or restaurant retail liquor permit (for on or off premise consumption of alcohol) to the Oneida Tribe or any business entity wholly owned and operated by the Oneida Tribe provided the Tribe holds a valid business tax registration certificate issued by the department.

DOR issued one Class B retail liquor permit under this provision to Oneida Golf Enterprises for its Thornberry Creek Country Club Restaurant.

This bill repeals DOR's authority to issue a liquor permit to the Tribe and voids any existing permit issued under this exception as of the day after publication of the bill. By repealing this special exception, the authority to issue a liquor license for this facility will reside solely with the Village of Hobart, in which the Thornberry Creek facility is located.

The bill is not expected to have any significant state or local fiscal effect.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications