



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2011 Senate Bill 44**

**Senate  
Amendment 1**

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*Current law* prohibits a retailer who possesses a Class “A” license for the retail sale of beer in original packages for consumption off the licensed premises from selling beer from midnight to 8 a.m. unless the municipality in which the licensee is located establishes more restrictive closing hours. A retailer who possesses a “Class A” license for the retail sale of intoxicating liquors (including wine) in original packages for consumption off the licensed premises may not sell intoxicating liquor from 9 p.m. to 8 a.m.

*The bill* permits such retailers to sell beer or intoxicating liquor beginning at 6 a.m. instead of 8 a.m.

*Senate Amendment 1* permits a municipality to establish more restrictive closing hours for “Class A” retailers (intoxicating liquor), so that municipalities may establish more restrictive closing hours for both Class “A” (beer) and “Class A” retailers.

### *Legislative History*

Senator Zipperer offered Senate Amendment 1. On October 4, 2011, the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Utilities, Commerce, and Government Operations unanimously recommended adoption of Senate Amendment 1 and recommended passage of Senate Bill 44 on a vote of Ayes, 4; Noes, 1.

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