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## **2011 SENATE BILL 44**

March 22, 2011 – Introduced by Senators GROTHMAN, LEIBHAM and COWLES, cosponsored by Representatives WYNN, KAUFERT, KRUG, LEMAHIEU, THIESFELDT, VAN ROY and ZIEGELBAUER. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Utilities, Commerce, and Government Operations.

1 AN ACT to amend 125.32(3)(b) and 125.68(4)(b) of the statutes; relating to:

closing hours for certain alcohol beverage retailers.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, with limited exceptions, no person may sell alcohol beverages to a consumer unless the seller possesses a license or permit authorizing the sale. A Class "A" license authorizes the retail sale of fermented malt beverages (beer), in original packages, for consumption off the licensed premises. A "Class A" license authorizes the retail sale of intoxicating liquor, including wine, in original packages, for consumption off the licensed premises. A "Class A" license authorizes the retail sale of intoxicating liquor, including wine, in original packages, for consumption off the licensed premises. A retailer operating under a Class "A" license may not sell beer between midnight and 8:00 a.m., although a municipality may, by ordinance, impose more restrictive "closing hours" than these. "Class A" retail premises may not remain open for the sale of intoxicating liquor between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.

This bill changes the morning closing hours for Class "A" and "Class A" retailers from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., so that a Class "A" retailer may sell beer from 6:00 a.m. until midnight unless the municipality in which it is located establishes more restrictive closing hours, and a "Class A" retailer may sell intoxicating liquor from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.

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

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1	<b>SECTION 1.</b> 125.32 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
2	125.32 (3) (b) Class "A" premises may remain open for the conduct of their
3	regular business but may not sell fermented malt beverages between 12 midnight
4	and $-8-6$ a.m. Subsection (2) does not apply to Class "A" premises between 12
5	midnight and - <u>8-6</u> a.m. or at any other time during which the sale of fermented malt
6	beverages is prohibited by a municipal ordinance adopted under par. (d).
7	<b>SECTION 2.</b> 125.68 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
8	125.68 (4) (b) "Class A" retailers. No premises for which a "Class A" license or
9	permit has been issued may remain open for the sale of intoxicating liquor between
10	the hours of 9 p.m. and - <del>8</del> - <u>6</u> a.m.
11	(END)

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