AN ACT to amend 125.07 (3) (a) 3. and 125.32 (3) (c) of the statutes; relating to:

the presence of underage persons on premises operating under a retail alcohol beverage license.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill allows an underage person, without a parent or guardian, to be at an indoor golf and baseball facility licensed to sell beer.

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 “B” license authorizes the retail sale of fermented malt beverages (beer) for consumption on or off the premises.

Under current law, a person who is under 21 years of age and not accompanied by his or her parent, guardian, or spouse who is at least 21 years of age (unaccompanied underage person) may not enter or be on any premises for which a license or permit for the retail sale of alcohol beverages has been issued (licensed premises). Current law also provides for various exceptions to this prohibition. Among the exceptions, an unaccompanied underage person may enter or be on licensed premises that is a bowling center, movie theater, billiard center meeting certain requirements, indoor golf simulator facility, or indoor volleyball court of a certain size.
This bill creates an additional exception allowing an unaccompanied underage person to enter or be on Class “B” licensed premises that is an indoor golf and baseball facility.

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

SECTION 1. 125.07 (3) (a) 3. of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 8, is amended to read:

125.07 (3) (a) 3. Hotels, drug stores, grocery stores, bowling centers, movie theaters, painting studios, billiards centers having on the premises 12 or more billiards tables that are not designed for coin operation and that are 8 feet or longer in length, indoor golf simulator facilities, indoor golf and baseball facilities on premises for which the only alcohol beverage license issued is a Class “B” license, service stations, vessels, cars operated by any railroad, regularly established athletic fields, outdoor volleyball courts that are contiguous to a licensed premises, stadiums, public facilities as defined in s. 125.51 (5) (b) 1. d. which are owned by a county or municipality or centers for the visual or performing arts.

SECTION 2. 125.32 (3) (c) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act 8, is amended to read:

125.32 (3) (c) Hotels and restaurants the principal business of which is the furnishing of food and lodging to patrons, bowling centers, movie theaters, painting studios, indoor golf and baseball facilities, indoor horseshoe–pitching facilities, curling clubs, golf courses and golf clubhouses may remain open for the conduct of their regular business but may not sell fermented malt beverages during the hours specified in par. (a).