



2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 72

March 5, 2015 - Introduced by Representatives KOLSTE, BERCEAU, SINICKI, C. TAYLOR, WACHS, SARGENT, KAHL, SUBECK and SPREITZER, cosponsored by Senators CARPENTER, PETROWSKI, RISSER, LASSA, L. TAYLOR, BEWLEY, VINEHOUT and HARRIS DODD. Referred to Committee on State Affairs and Government Operations.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 125.09 (8) of the statutes; **relating to:** prohibiting the sale of
2 powdered alcohol.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law regulates the sale of alcohol beverages, which are beverages containing at least 0.5 percent alcohol by volume.

Under this bill, a person may not sell or offer for sale powdered alcohol. The bill defines powdered alcohol as any substance that is sold in powder or crystalline form, that contains more than 0.4 percent alcohol by weight, and that is fit for human consumption either in its powder or crystalline form or after it is added to food or reconstituted with water or another liquid. There are exceptions under the bill, including for powdered alcohol, used for nonbeverage purposes, that is used by hospitals or for scientific research or other medicinal, pharmaceutical, or industrial purposes. A person who violates the prohibition must be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than 90 days or both.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report concerning the proposed penalty and the costs or savings that are likely to result if the bill is enacted.

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

