2017 SENATE BILL 153

April 7, 2017 - Introduced by Senators MOULTON, VINEHOUT and FEYEN, cosponsored by Representatives SUMMERFIELD, SWARINGEN, BERNIER, PETRYK, PRONSCINSKE, WACHS, R. BROOKS, HORLACHER, QUINN, KREMER, KULP, KNOEL, KERKMAN and BRANDTJEN. Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Small Business and Tourism.

AN ACT to amend 125.07 (3) (a) 3. of the statutes; relating to: the prohibition against underage persons being present on alcohol licensed premises.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill allows an unaccompanied underage person to be present during a large event at a music festival venue issued an alcohol beverage license.

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 for the retail sale of alcohol beverages has been issued. Current law also provides for various exceptions to this prohibition, including exceptions that allow an unaccompanied underage person to enter or be on a licensed premises that is a stadium or athletic field or is the Eagle Ridge Festival Grounds in the city of Chippewa Falls.

This bill creates an exception that allows an unaccompanied underage person to enter or be on a licensed premises that is a music festival venue during an event with a projected attendance of at least 2,500 persons.

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 is amended to read:
125.07 (3) (a) 3. Hotels, drug stores, grocery stores, bowling centers, movie theatres, 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, music festival venues during an event with a projected attendance of at least 2,500 persons, 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.