

## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2007 Wisconsin Act 69 [2007 Assembly Bill 500] Member of Municipal Governing Body: Issuance of Retail Intoxicating Liquor Licenses

Under *current law*, a municipal governing body may grant and issue "Class A" (liquor store) and "Class B" (liquor bar) retail licenses authorizing the sale of intoxicating liquor and "Class C" retail licenses authorizing the sale of wine. A member of the municipal governing body may not sell or offer to sell to any person holding or applying for a retail license any bond, material, product, or thing that may be used by the licensee in carrying on the retail business.

2007 Wisconsin Act 69 modifies the interest restriction on a member of a municipal governing body by providing that such a member may not: (1) hold an intoxicating liquor wholesaler's permit under s. 125.54, Stats.; or (2) with respect to the issuance or denial of retail licenses, do any act in violation of s. 19.59 (1), Stats. (code of ethics for local government officials).

Effective Date: Act 69 took effect on March 26, 2008.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <u>http://www.legis.state.wi.us/</u>.