



2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 505

September 20, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives GANNON, FIELDS, HORLACHER, JACQUE, TAUCHEN, BERCEAU, BALLWEG, THIESFELDT, SKOWRONSKI, E. BROOKS and DUCHOW, cosponsored by Senators STROEBEL and MARKLEIN. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 125.26 (6), 125.33 (9), 125.51 (10) (a), 125.69 (6) (a) and 125.69
2 (6) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** the source of supply for temporary retail
3 alcohol beverage licensees.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill allows a temporary retail alcohol beverage licensee to obtain the beer or wine to be sold to consumers under the license from another retailer rather than a wholesaler.

Current law authorizes municipalities to issue temporary Class "B" and "Class B" licenses to certain clubs, fair associations, agricultural societies, churches, veterans organizations, lodges, and societies that authorize the retail sale of, respectively, fermented malt beverages (beer) and wine at fairs, meetings, picnics, and similar gatherings hosted by these organizations. Unless a specific statutory exception applies, a person issued a temporary retail license is subject to the same requirements as other retail licensees. Among these requirements, a retail licensee may not purchase beer or wine from any person other than a wholesaler.

This bill allows a temporary Class "B" or "Class B" retail licensee to purchase, respectively, beer or wine from another retail licensee.

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

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1 **SECTION 1.** 125.26 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 125.26 (6) Temporary Class “B” licenses may be issued to bona fide clubs and
3 chambers of commerce, to county or local fair associations or agricultural societies,
4 to churches, lodges or societies that have been in existence for at least 6 months
5 before the date of application, and to posts of veterans organizations authorizing the
6 sale of fermented malt beverages at a particular picnic or similar gathering, at a
7 meeting of the post, or during a fair conducted by the fair association or agricultural
8 society. The amount of the fee for the license shall be determined by the municipal
9 governing body issuing the license but may not exceed \$10. An official or body
10 authorized by a municipal governing body to issue temporary Class “B” licenses may,
11 upon issuance of any temporary Class “B” license, authorize the licensee to permit
12 underage persons to be on the premises for which the license is issued. A license
13 issued to a county or district fair licenses the entire fairgrounds where the fair is
14 being conducted and all persons engaging in retail sales of fermented malt beverages
15 from leased stands on the fairgrounds. The county or district fair to which the license
16 is issued may lease stands on the fairgrounds to persons who may engage in retail
17 sales of fermented malt beverages from the stands while the fair is being held. A
18 municipal governing body may issue a temporary Class “B” license for premises that
19 are covered by a “Class B” permit issued under s. 125.51 (5) (b) 2. if the applicant
20 meets the requirements of this subsection. If a license is issued under this subsection
21 to a fair association solely for the purpose of conducting on the licensed premises
22 fermented malt beverages judging or tasting events involving servings of fermented
23 malt beverages no greater than one fluid ounce each, s. 125.32 (2) does not apply to
24 these licensed premises. The licensee may purchase fermented malt beverages, and
25 possess fermented malt beverages purchased, from a Class “A” or Class “B” licensee.

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1 **SECTION 2.** 125.33 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 125.33 **(9)** **CAMPUSES AND RETAILERS TO PURCHASE FROM WHOLESALERS.** Except as
3 provided in ss. 125.26 (6), 125.29 (3m) (b) and (c), 125.295 (1) (g), and 125.30 (4), no
4 campus or retail licensee or permittee may purchase or possess fermented malt
5 beverages purchased from any person other than a wholesaler holding a permit
6 under this chapter for the sale of fermented malt beverages. Any person who violates
7 this subsection may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than
8 9 months or both.

9 **SECTION 3.** 125.51 (10) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 125.51 **(10)** (a) Notwithstanding s. 125.68 (3), temporary “Class B” licenses
11 may be issued to bona fide clubs and chambers of commerce, to county or local fair
12 associations or agricultural societies, to churches, lodges, or societies that have been
13 in existence for at least 6 months before the date of application, and to posts of
14 veterans’ organizations authorizing the sale of wine in an original package,
15 container, or bottle or by the glass if the wine is dispensed directly from an original
16 package, container, or bottle at a particular picnic or similar gathering, at a meeting
17 of the post, or during a fair conducted by the fair association or agricultural society.
18 The amount of the fee for the license shall be determined by the municipal governing
19 body issuing the license but may not exceed \$10, except that no fee may be charged
20 to a person who at the same time applies for a temporary Class “B” license under s.
21 125.26 (6) for the same event. A license issued to a county or district fair licenses the
22 entire fairgrounds where the fair is being conducted and all persons engaging in
23 retail sales of wine from leased stands on the fairgrounds. The county or district fair
24 to which the license is issued may lease stands on the fairgrounds to persons who
25 may engage in retail sales of wine from the stands while the fair is being held. If a

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1 county or district fair leases any stand to a winery holding a permit under s. 125.53,
2 in addition to making retail sales of wine from the leased stand, the winery may
3 provide taste samples anywhere on the fairgrounds of wine manufactured by the
4 winery. If a license is issued under this paragraph to a fair association solely for the
5 purpose of conducting on the licensed premises wine judging or tasting events
6 involving servings of wine no greater than one fluid ounce each, s. 125.68 (2) does not
7 apply to these licensed premises. Except as provided in par. (b), not more than 2
8 licenses may be issued under this paragraph to any club, chamber of commerce,
9 county or local fair association, agricultural association, church, lodge, society, or
10 veterans post in any 12-month period. The licensee may purchase wine, and possess
11 wine purchased, from a “Class A” or “Class B” licensee.

12 **SECTION 4.** 125.69 (6) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 125.69 (6) (a) No Except as provided in s. 125.51 (10) (a), no campus or retail
14 licensee or permittee may purchase intoxicating liquor from, or possess intoxicating
15 liquor purchased from, any person other than a wholesaler holding a permit under
16 this chapter for the sale of intoxicating liquor.

17 **SECTION 5.** 125.69 (6) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 125.69 (6) (c) Notwithstanding Except as provided in s. 125.51 (10) (a), and
19 notwithstanding par. (b), a “Class B” licensee who purchases intoxicating liquor from
20 a “Class A” licensee for resale or who possesses intoxicating liquor purchased from
21 a “Class A” licensee for resale may be fined not more than \$100.

22 (END)