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AMENDMENT MEMO**

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<b>2003 Assembly Bill 286</b>	<b>Assembly Amendment 1</b>
<i>Memo published:</i> November 26, 2003	
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*Current law* generally provides that a person who has not reached the legal drinking age (21 years) may not enter or be on any premises for which a license or permit for the retail sale of alcohol beverages has been issued unless the person is accompanied by his or her parent, guardian, or spouse who has attained the legal drinking age. There are several exceptions to this provision.

*Assembly Bill 286* provides that a person who has not reached the legal drinking age may enter or be on premises licensed to sell alcohol beverages, without being accompanied by a parent, guardian, or spouse, if the premises are a privately owned recreational fishing facility open to the public and registered with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

*Assembly Amendment 1* provides that the exception created by the bill applies only if the sale of alcohol beverages at the recreational fishing facility accounts for less than 30% of the business's gross receipts.

Assembly Amendment 1 was introduced by Representative Jeffrey Wood. The Assembly Committee on State Affairs recommended adoption of the amendment and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 8, Noes, 0, on November 25, 2003.

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<b>2003 Wisconsin Act 246 [2003 Assembly Bill 286]</b>	<b>Underage Person Being on the Premises of a Fishing Facility That Serves Alcohol Beverages</b>
2003 Acts: <a href="http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/">www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/</a>	Act Memos: <a href="http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm">www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm</a>

2003 Wisconsin Act 246 provides that an underage person may be on the premises of certain recreational fishing facilities that are licensed or permitted to sell alcohol beverages.

Current law generally provides that a person who has not reached the legal drinking age (21 years) may not enter or be on any premises for which a license or permit for the retail sale of alcohol beverages has been issued unless the person is accompanied by his or her parent, guardian, or spouse who has attained the legal drinking age. There are several exceptions to this provision.

Act 246 provides that a person who has not reached the legal drinking age may enter or be on premises licensed to sell alcohol beverages, without being accompanied by a parent, guardian, or spouse, if the premises are a privately owned recreational fishing facility open to the public and registered with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and if the sale of alcohol beverages at the recreational fishing facility accounts for less than 30% of the business' gross receipts.

**Effective Date:** Act 246 takes effect on April 28, 2004.

**Prepared by:** Anne Sappenfield, Senior Staff Attorney

April 21, 2004

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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.

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## LETTER of REQUEST- March 2003

The Bullfrog Fish Farm is a Chippewa Valley based fish farm and serving the folks of... and their visiting friends with the ultimate in Wisconsin's fresh water fish and recreation.

- \*Pondside Sales and Recreational Fishing
- \* Chippewa Valley Trout Route
- \* e-Store and "at large"

Recreational fishing represents ~ 45% of the farm's gross income. It is part of my business plan to double these sales over the next 3-4 years... This market niche is made up of friends and families stopping by the farm to fish, tour and have a picnic. Other activities include the catering of cook-outs for area businesses, family reunions, clubs, tour buses and the alike.

Repeated requests from visitors to offer the sale of beer resulted in my acquiring a beer license from my township in the year 2000 and the addition of a Pondside "Family Beer & Beverage Garden". This has increased my customer base and profits to the farm. Yet the present restrictions of this license prevents the farm from realizing its' full economic potential and market brand.

The managing for a family atmosphere is expected from the recreational services the farm offers. Presently the law requires a "roped off" scenario thus the separating of family members... and promoting a "bar type" focus which is contrary to intent.

Concerning this issue, state statues offer a solution for many recreational businesses such as Golf Courses & Bowling Centers... I am requesting that licensed fish farms, offering Recreational Fishing, be given the same regard. This would give needed opportunity to my farm business to offer requested services, maintain a family focus, and benefit economically.

As a Reminder...This is my 4<sup>th</sup> year at making this request to our State Legislatures. Last year, this legislation was delayed and only past the Senate. The year before it passed the full Assembly and Senate Committee just before the session ended. All this is resulting in my having to start over again and the delay in my achieving business goals, vision and needed economic benefit.

Sincerely & Eat My Fish!  
Herby Radmann

**Gilbert, Melissa**

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**From:** Herby Radmann [bullfrog@eatmyfish.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 24, 2004 8:58 AM  
**To:** Sen. Ron Brown  
**Cc:** Rep. Jeffery Wood  
**Subject:** Bill AB 286 /Eat My Fish beer legislation - ATTENTION MISSY  
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Senator Ron Brown & Missy-

Thanks Missy for hearing me out and the encouraging conversation by phone yesterday... I look forward to hearing from you again soon... and after you have had a chance to talk more on this issue with Senator Brown.

To help refresh things I have "attached" my updated request of 2003... and listed below a copy of my email to your office from March 3, 2003.

In response to this request and along with similar contacts made to my other representative Rep. Jeff Wood was encouraged and has championed this effort with the support or co-sponsorship.

As of January 20th... Bill AB 286 has passed the Assembly and been moved on to your Senate. Now realizing that you are Committee Chair, co-sponsor and my representative... I feel disappointed. On the other hand... and from experience I know how easily such things become disappointing. The continued advocacy of a person who is willing to take it to the end.

The passing of this Bill is important to my farm business... I am now looking for an assuring word from your office- confirming your support and office.

Again- Thank you very much!

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Senator Ron Brown-

My name is Herby Radmann, I am the Soul Proprietor of the Bullfrog Fish Farm- Eat My Fish. Through re-districting and of course elections you have become my new Senator...

I am contacting you because I need your help... I am now into the 4th year of pursuing a piece of legislation that is very much needed to meet the goals of my farm business. While this legislation has been non controversial, beneficial to my farm business and will help to bring in tourism dollars to the Chippewa Valley... for some reason it has failed to acquire the needed clout or value from our Legislators.

I understand the need for prioritizing from our lawmakers but hope you

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realize the accumulation of the little things does make a difference also... and that this issue matters very much to me and the folks I serve.

I have attached copies of the proposed bill from last year and the farm story.

This bill has passed both Senate & Assembly Committees in 2001 & the Senate in 2002.

If at all possible I believe this bill needs to be introduced in this present legislative session in order to avoid repeating it's history. This pursuit has been challenged by my being re-districted, political mood/busyness and having to start this effort from scratch...

If you would be so kind as to let me know if you will help me out, as soon as possible. it would be appreciated.

I have attached copies of this note to other Chippewa Valley Senators with hopes you will communicate on this matter.

Sincerely  
Herby Radmann  
715 664-8775

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as of Friday, March 05, 2004

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**Assembly Bill 286**

the prohibition against underage persons entering or being on any premises operating under an alcohol beverage license.

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