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Senate Bill 399

Relating to: creating a new license issued by municipalities authorizing the retail sale of wine in unopened original containers for consumption off the premises where sold.

By Senators Harsdorf and Grothman; cosponsored by Representatives Townsend, Hines and Ballweg.

October 21, 2005 Referred to Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform.

January 3, 2006 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (4) Senators Brown, Zien, Kanavas and Breske.
Absent: (1) Senator Wirch.

Appearances For

- Matt Wuebke — Office of State Senator Shelia Harsdorf

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- None.

Registrations Against

- None.

January 24, 2006 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Brown, Zien, Kanavas, Breske and Wirch.
Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Zien, seconded by Senator Kanavas that **Senate Bill 399** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (4) Senators Brown, Zien, Kanavas and Wirch.
Noes: (1) Senator Breske.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 1

Daniel Lindstedt
Committee Clerk

SENATE BILL 399 (LRB -2715)

An Act to renumber and amend 125.51 (8); to amend 125.04 (3) (g) (intro.), 125.04 (5) (a) 5., 125.06 (13) (a), 125.07 (1) (b) 5., 125.07 (3) (a) 2., 125.10 (4), 125.17 (6) (a) 2., 125.185 (2) and (4), 125.51 (1) (a), 125.53 (1), 125.65 (1), 125.66 (4), 125.68 (2), 125.68 (2m) (a), 125.68 (3) (intro.), 125.68 (4) (b), 125.68 (8) (a) 3., 125.69 (1) (a), 125.69 (1) (c) 3. and 125.69 (6) (c); and to create 125.05 (1) (a) 4m. and 125.51 (3s) of the statutes; relating to: creating a new license issued by municipalities authorizing the retail sale of wine in unopened original containers for consumption off the premises where sold.

2005

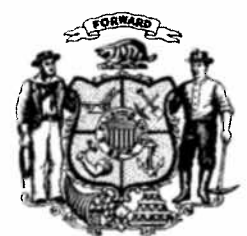
- 10-21. S. Introduced by Senators **Harsdorf** and **Grothman**; cosponsored by Representatives **Townsend**, **Hines** and **Ballweg**.
- 10-21. S. Read first time and referred to committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform 400
- 11-15. S. Fiscal estimate received.

2006

- 01-03. S. Public hearing held.
- 01-24. S. Executive action taken.
- 01-25. S. Report passage recommended by committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform, Ayes 4, Noes 1 553
- 01-25. S. Available for scheduling.
- 01-25. S. Placed on calendar 1-26-2006 by committee on Senate Organization. 558
- 01-26. S. Read a second time 558
- 01-26. S. Ordered to a third reading 558
- 01-26. S. Rules suspended 558
- 01-26. S. Read a third time and **passed** 560
- 01-26. S. Ordered immediately messaged 766
- 01-30. A. Received from Senate 766
- 01-30. A. Read first time and referred to committee on State Affairs 1134
- 05-11. A. Failed to concur in pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE





State Senator Sheila Harsdorf

January 3, 2006

To: Senate Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business
and Government Reform

Fr: State Senator Sheila Harsdorf

Re: Support for Senate Bill 399

Dear Chair Brown and Committee Members:

I regret that I am unable to attend today's hearing on Senate Bill 399 (SB 399), but would like to extend my appreciation for your holding a public hearing and for allowing me to provide written testimony in strong support of this legislation.

SB 399 would create a new "Class D" alcohol beverage license classification to allow the sale of unopened bottles of wine for consumption off the premises where it is sold. Under current law, a business must hold a "Class A" license, which authorizes the sale of both liquor and wine, in order to sell bottles of wine off-sale.

The suggestion for an additional license classification was made by a grocer and small business owners in my district. As the demand for fine wines increases, some businesses might like to offer wine for off-sale, but have no interest in selling liquor. In other instances, businesses have encountered challenges in obtaining "Class A" licenses in municipalities that are seeking to limit the number of such licenses issued. A new "Class D" license would provide another option to small businesses and grocers that are seeking simply to sell bottles of wine off-sale.

SB 399 would also provide flexibility to municipalities that would like to limit the number of "Class A" licenses in their communities. Allowing municipalities to issue "Class D" licenses to niche businesses, such as wine shops and gift stores, would allow municipalities to encourage small business growth while assigning "Class A" licenses to liquor stores.

Thank you again for holding a public hearing on SB 399 and I urge your support of this legislation.