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## WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

### 2013-14

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### Assembly

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### Committee on...

### State Affairs and Government Operations (AC-SAGO)

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## Assembly

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on State Affairs and Government Operations**

##### **Senate Bill 250**

Relating to: temporary alcohol beverage retail licenses issued to fair associations.

By Senators Moulton, Harsdorf, Grothman, L. Taylor, Shilling, Hansen, Vinehout, Tiffany, Schultz and Olsen; cosponsored by Representatives T. Larson, Ohnstad, Strachota, Thiesfeldt, A. Ott, Danou, Krug, Ballweg, Brooks, Hesselbein, Vruwink, Bernier, Tranel, Nass, Ripp and Murtha.

January 28, 2014      **Public Hearing Held**

Present:    (12)    Representative Weininger; Representatives Craig, Kleefisch, Knodl, Neylon, Kooyenga, Hutton, Nass, Zamarripa, Ringhand, Kahl and Hulsey.  
Absent:    (1)    Representative Kessler.  
Excused:   (3)    Representatives Swearingen, Ripp and Sinicki.

##### Appearances For

- Tom Larson - Rep. - 67th ASM District
- Rusty Volk - Northern WI State Fair
- Jolene Plautz - WI Fair Assn

##### Appearances Against

- None.

##### Appearances for Information Only

- None.

##### Registrations For

- Bob Plautz

##### Registrations Against

- None.

##### Registrations for Information Only

- None.

March 06, 2014

**Executive Session Held**

Present: (13) Representative Weininger; Representatives Swearingen, Craig, Knodl, Ripp, Neylon, Hutton, Sinicki, Zamarripa, Ringhand, Kessler, Kahl and Hulsey.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (3) Representatives Kleefisch, Kooyenga and Nass.

Moved by Representative Craig, seconded by Representative Ripp that **Senate Bill 250** be recommended for concurrence.

Ayes: (13) Representative Weininger; Representatives Swearingen, Craig, Knodl, Ripp, Neylon, Hutton, Sinicki, Zamarripa, Ringhand, Kessler, Kahl and Hulsey.

Noes: (0) None.

Absent: (3) Representatives Kleefisch, Kooyenga and Nass.

CONCURRENCE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 13, Noes 0

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Alison Zikmund  
Committee Clerk



STATE REPRESENTATIVE

**TOM LARSON**

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**Testimony on Senate Bill 250  
January 28, 2014**

Mr. Chairman and committee members, thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today on behalf of Senate Bill 250.

Sen. Terry Moulton and I introduced SB 250 at the request of the Wisconsin Association of Fairs. As you may know the Northern Wisconsin State Fair is held annually in Chippewa Falls, in the 67<sup>th</sup> Assembly District.

Under 2011 Act 129, which had bipartisan support last session, Wisconsin wineries may sell their products or provide samples at a fair under the fair association's temporary Class B retail license. However, Wisconsin law still requires that someone with an operator's ("bartender's") license be present. Given the small amounts of wine that are provided at sampling or judging events, the requirement that a licensed bartender be present at all times adds a potentially burdensome cost to wineries that would otherwise be interested in participating in a fair.

SB 250 is a commonsense solution to this oversight. It provides that if a fair association receives a Class B liquor license solely for the purpose of beer or wine sampling or judging events at the fair, the requirement that a licensed bartender be present does not apply as long as the events do not involve servings of more than one fluid ounce each.

Many wineries are small businesses, and participating in fairs is a great way to advertise their products, not to mention the fact that tastings and samplings are popular attractions and attract visitors to the fairs themselves.

The Senate passed SB 250 on a voice vote in October, and I hope this committee will act quickly so that local breweries and wineries will be able to participate fully in the fairs that will be held around Wisconsin in 2014.

Thank you for consideration. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.