



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
ACT MEMO**

2003 Wisconsin Act 250 [2003 Senate Bill 271]	Transferring Certain Alcohol Beverage Licenses to Another Municipality
2003 Acts: www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/	Act Memos: www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm

2003 Wisconsin Act 250 allows a person who holds Class “A” and beer wholesaler’s licenses issued before May 5, 1994, to transfer both licenses together to a premises in another municipality within the same county.

Current law generally prohibits a person from selling alcohol beverages unless the seller possesses a license or permit authorizing the sale. A Class “A” license authorizes the license holder to sell at retail, from premises within the issuing municipality, beer in original packages for consumption off the licensed premises. A beer wholesaler’s license authorizes the license holder to sell to retailers or wholesalers from premises within the issuing municipality, beer in original packages that may not be consumed on or about the wholesaler’s premises. As of May 5, 1994, municipalities may not issue a Class “A” license and a beer wholesaler’s license to the same person. However, persons holding both licenses issued before that date may, with certain exceptions, continue to operate under both licenses.

Generally, licenses may be transferred to another premises within the same municipality.

The Act allows a person who holds Class “A” and beer wholesaler’s licenses issued before May 5, 1994, to transfer both licenses together to a premises in another municipality within the same county upon approval by the municipality receiving the transferred license.

Effective Date: Act 250 becomes effective on April 28, 2004, and first applies to applications for transfer of a license made on that date.

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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.