



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2009 Wisconsin Act 395**  
[2009 Assembly Bill 335]

**Alcohol Beverage Consumption at  
Private Colleges**

In general, a person in charge of a public place may not permit the consumption of alcohol beverages on the premises of the public place unless the person has an appropriate retail license or permit. Exceptions exist for public places such as county buildings and parks, athletic fields and stadiums, school buildings, churches, state fair parks, and clubs.

The Act authorizes the person in charge of the campus of a private college to permit alcohol beverages to be consumed on the campus at the place and time that an event sponsored by the private college is being held. "Private college" means a private, regionally accredited, four-year, nonprofit college or university that meets at least one of the following criteria:

- It is incorporated in Wisconsin.
- It has its regional headquarters and principal place of business in Wisconsin.
- It is a tribally controlled college in Wisconsin.

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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 at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.