

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2011 Wisconsin Act 175 [2011 Assembly Bill 59]

Semi-Annual Meetings of Winery Cooperative Wholesalers

Between October 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008, the Department of Revenue (DOR) was authorized to issue intoxicating liquor wholesalers' permits to no more than six small winery cooperatives. Two small winery cooperatives applied for and were granted wholesalers' permits during that time frame.

Together with an application for renewal of a wholesaler's permit, each winery cooperative wholesaler must file a biennial report with DOR. In addition, under *prior law*, a winery cooperative wholesaler was required to prepare a report and meet with the DOR and the Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives at least once every six months. DOR and the Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives were required to prepare and publish reports following each of those meetings.

2011 Wisconsin Act 175 repeals the semi-annual meeting and reporting requirements. It retains the biennial reporting requirement.

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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/.