



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 295

April 17, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives MUSSER, GRONEMUS, HANDRICK, ALBERS, HASENOHRL, SERATTI, RYBA and SYKORA, cosponsored by Senators BRESKE, DECKER and ZIEN. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to renumber and amend** 125.02 (8m); and **to create** 125.02 (8m) (a) and
2 (b) and 125.02 (20s) of the statutes; **relating to:** changing the legal drinking
3 age for certain people.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The legal drinking age in Wisconsin is currently 21. The legal drinking age is the age at which a person may legally purchase, possess and consume alcohol beverages and enter premises licensed for the sale of alcohol beverages unaccompanied by a parent, guardian or spouse who has attained the legal drinking age. It is also the age at which a person may obtain most alcohol beverages licenses and permits.

This bill lowers the drinking age to 19 for members of the U.S. armed forces, national guard, state defense force, reserve component of the U.S. armed forces or the military forces of this state and for veterans if the lower drinking age does not result in the loss of federal highway funds.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 125.02 (8m) of the statutes is renumbered 125.02 (8m) (intro.) and
5 amended to read:

