

State of Misconsin 2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

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2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 72

March 5, 2015 - Introduced by Representatives Kolste, Berceau, Sinicki, C. Taylor, Wachs, Sargent, Kahl, Subeck and Spreitzer, cosponsored by Senators Carpenter, Petrowski, Risser, Lassa, L. Taylor, Bewley, Vinehout and Harris Dodd. Referred to Committee on State Affairs and Government Operations.

1 AN ACT *to create* 125.09 (8) of the statutes; **relating to:** prohibiting the sale of powdered alcohol.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law regulates the sale of alcohol beverages, which are beverages containing at least 0.5 percent alcohol by volume.

Under this bill, a person may not sell or offer for sale powdered alcohol. The bill defines powdered alcohol as any substance that is sold in powder or crystalline form, that contains more than 0.4 percent alcohol by weight, and that is fit for human consumption either in its powder or crystalline form or after it is added to food or reconstituted with water or another liquid. There are exceptions under the bill, including for powdered alcohol, used for nonbeverage purposes, that is used by hospitals or for scientific research or other medicinal, pharmaceutical, or industrial purposes. A person who violates the prohibition must be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than 90 days or both.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report concerning the proposed penalty and the costs or savings that are likely to result if the bill is enacted.

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

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1	Section 1. 125.09 (8) of the statutes is created to read:
2	125.09 (8) Sale of powdered alcohol prohibited. (a) In this subsection:
3	1. "Powdered alcohol" means any substance that is sold in powder or crystalline
4	form, that contains more than 0.4 percent alcohol by weight, and that is fit for human
5	consumption either in its powder or crystalline form or after it is added to food or
6	reconstituted with water or another liquid.
7	2. Notwithstanding s. 125.02 (20), "sell" or "sale" means any transfer of
8	powdered alcohol with consideration or any transfer without consideration is
9	knowingly made for purposes of evading the law relating to the sale of powdered
10	alcohol.
11	(b) Except as provided in par. (c), no person may sell or offer for sale powdered
12	alcohol.
13	(c) This subsection does not apply to powdered alcohol sold or offered for any

(END)

use described in 27 CFR 1.60 to 27 CFR 1.62.

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