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**Testimony on Assembly Bill 315  
Senate Committee on State Affairs and Government Operations  
Wednesday, September 23, 2015  
225 Northwest**

Chairman Swearingen and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Assembly Bill 315, which Senator Lassa and I have introduced.

Assembly Bill 315 will allow businesses whose facilities offer both indoor golf driving range lanes and batting cages, the ability to obtain a Class "B" license to sell fermented malt beverages (beer) while allowing unaccompanied underage persons to be on the premise.

Wisconsin state statutes already allow certain types of sporting and recreation-related facilities to sell beer and/or liquor while permitting an underage individual to be on the premise without his or her parent, guardian, or spouse. These facilities are stadiums, outdoor volleyball courts, regularly established athletic fields, bowling centers, billiards centers, curling clubs, private soccer clubs, private tennis clubs, golf courses and clubhouses, and indoor golf simulator facilities.

Adding facilities with both indoor golf driving ranges and batting cages to this list by allowing them to sell beer will permit small businesses to compete on a level playing field. It will also enable these businesses to host special events like tournaments and parties, and ultimately attract more customers.

Plain and simple, this bill is about fairness in a specific industry and adding a certain type of business to a list that was clearly incomplete. AB 315's co-sponsorship draws support from both sides of the aisle, and I hope you will give it your support as well.



# **JULIE LASSA**

## **STATE SENATOR**

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Chairman Swearingen and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of Assembly Bill 315, which Representative Kleefisch and I have introduced on behalf of a small business in my district. This is a simple and narrowly crafted bill that would permit businesses whose facilities offer both indoor golf driving range lanes and batting cages to obtain a Class "B" license to sell fermented malt beverages (beer) while allowing unaccompanied underage persons to be on the premise.

Wisconsin state statutes already allow several types of sporting and recreation-related facilities to sell beer and/or liquor while permitting an underage individual to be on the premise without his or her parent, guardian, or spouse who is at least 21 years of age. Such facilities include stadiums, outdoor volleyball courts, regularly established athletic fields, outdoor volleyball courts, bowling centers, billiards centers, curling clubs, private soccer clubs, private tennis clubs, golf courses and clubhouses, and indoor golf simulator facilities. Adding facilities with both indoor golf driving ranges and batting cages to this list by allowing them to sell beer will permit small businesses, such as Blaser's in Wisconsin Rapids, to compete on a level playing field. It will also enable these businesses to expand their clientele and host special events like tournaments and parties.

AB 315 has bi-partisan support in its co-sponsorship and its Senate companion (SB 226) passed the Senate on a voice vote; I hope you will give it your support as well.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding this legislation.