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Assembly Bill 864: alcohol beverages violations involving underage persons that occur on licensed premises
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Thank you Chairman Swearingen and fellow committee members of State Affairs and Government Operations for holding today's hearing on Assembly Bill 864 the bill relating to alcohol beverages violations involving underage persons that occur on licensed premises.

This issue was raised to me by a local bar owners, the concern they raised was that many had received citations when not on premise. Currently in Wisconsin if a minor is served alcohol in the course of an undercover law enforcement "sting" operation, the undercover law enforcement may cite the retail licensee or the bartender. Often this happens while the retail licensee is off premises, and is not around to monitor the bartender who serves the underage individual an alcoholic beverage.

Under this bill it would change that if the retail licensee were not on premise, the law enforcement must issue a citation to the bartender responsible for providing the alcoholic beverage to the underage person.

The intent of this bill is to protect small business owners in the event that their staff, whom they have thoroughly trained, decides to not properly serve alcoholic beverages even after taking a rigorous bartending class.

Thank you for your attention to my testimony and I would be happy to answer any questions the committee may have.