

Chapter 4

Offenses Involving Alcoholic Beverages

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Sec. 9-4-1 Sale to Underage or Intoxicated Persons Restricted.

- (a) **Sales of Alcohol Beverages to Underage Persons.**
- (1) No person may procure for, sell, dispense or give away any fermented malt beverages to any underage person not accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or spouse who has attained the legal drinking age, or procure for, sell, dispense or give away any intoxicating liquor to any underage person.
 - (2) No license or permittee may sell, vend, deal or traffic in fermented malt beverages to or with any underage person not accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or spouse who has attained the legal drinking age or sell, vend, deal or traffic in intoxicating liquor to or with any underage person.
- (b) **Penalties.** A person who commits a violation of Subsection (a) above is subject to a forfeiture of:
- (1) Not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) if the person has not committed a previous violation within twelve (12) months of the violation; or
 - (2) Not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) if the person has committed a previous violation within twelve (12) months of the violation.
 - (3) In addition to the forfeitures provided in Subsections (1) and (2) above, a court shall suspend any license issued under Title 7 of this Code to a person violating this Section pursuant to Sec. 125.07(1)(b)3, Wis. Stats.
- (c) **Sale of Alcohol Beverages to Intoxicated Persons.**
- (1) No person may procure for, sell, dispense or give away alcohol beverages to a person who is intoxicated.

- (2) No licensee or permittee may sell, vend, deal or traffic in alcohol beverages to or with a person who is intoxicated.
- (d) **Penalties.** Any person who violates Subsection (c) above shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

State Law Reference: Sec. 125.07, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 9-4-2 Underage Persons' Presence in Places of Sale; Penalty.

- (a) **Restrictions.** An underage person not accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or spouse who has attained the legal drinking age may not enter or be on any premises for which a license or permit for the retail sale of alcohol beverages has been issued for any purpose except the transaction of business pertaining to the licensed premises with or for the licensee or his or her employee. The business may not be amusement or the purchase, receiving or consumption of edibles or beverages or similar activities which normally constitute activities of a customer of the premises. This paragraph does not apply to:
 - (1) An underage person who is a resident, employee, lodger or boarder on the premises controlled by the proprietor, licensee or permittee of which the licensed premises consists or is a part.
 - (2) An underage person who enters or is on a "Class A" retail intoxicating liquor premises for the purpose of purchasing edibles or beverages other than alcohol beverages. An underage person so entering the premises may not remain on the premises after the purchase.
 - (3) Hotels, drug stores, grocery stores, bowling alleys, cars operated by any railroad, regularly established athletic fields, stadiums or public facilities as defined in Sec. 125.51(5)(b)1.d, Wis. Stats., which are owned by a county or municipality.
 - (4) Premises in the state fair park, concessions authorized on state-owned premises in the state parks and state forests as defined or designated in Chs. 27 and 28, Wis. Stats., and parks owned or operated by agricultural societies.
 - (5) Ski chalets, golf clubhouses and private tennis clubs.
 - (6) Premises operated under both a Class "B" alcoholic beverage or "Class B" fermented malt beverage license or permit and a restaurant permit where the principal business conducted is that of a restaurant. If the premises are operated under both a Class "B" alcoholic beverage or "Class B" fermented malt beverage license or permit and a restaurant permit, the principal business conducted is presumed to be the sale of alcohol beverages, but the presumption may be rebutted by competent evidence.
 - (7) An underage person who enters or remains on a Class "B" alcoholic beverage or "Class B" fermented malt beverage premises for the purpose of transacting business at an auction or market as defined in Sec. 125.32(4)(b)1, Wis. Stats., if the person does not enter or remain in a room where alcohol beverages are sold or furnished.

- (8) An underage person who enters or remains in a room on Class "B" alcoholic beverage or "Class B" fermented malt beverage licensed premises separate from any room where alcohol beverages are sold or served for the purpose of engaging in marching or drilling with a group of other persons if no alcohol beverages are furnished or consumed by any person in the room where the underage person is present and the presence of underage persons is authorized under this Subsection. An underage person may enter and remain on Class "B" alcoholic beverage or "Class B" fermented malt beverage premises under this Subsection only if the municipality which issued the Class "B" alcoholic beverage or "Class B" fermented malt beverage license adopts an ordinance permitting underage persons to enter and remain on the premises as provided in this Subsection and the law enforcement agency responsible for enforcing the ordinance issues to the Class "B" alcoholic beverage or "Class B" fermented malt beverage licensee a written authorization permitting underage persons to be present under this Subsection on the date specified in the authorization. Before issuing the authorization, the law enforcement agency shall make a determination that the presence of underage persons on the licensed premises will not endanger their health, welfare or safety or that of other members of the community. The licensee shall obtain a separate authorization for each date on which underage persons will be present on the premises.
- (b) **Penalties.** A licensee or permittee who directly or indirectly permits an underage person to enter or be on a licensed premises in violation of Subsection (a) is subject to a forfeiture of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

Sec. 9-4-3 Underage Persons; Prohibitions; Penalties.

- (a) Any underage person who does any of the following is guilty of a violation:
- (1) Procures or attempts to procure alcohol beverages.
 - (2) Knowingly possesses or consumes intoxicating liquor.
 - (3) Enters or is on licensed premises in violation of Section 9-4-2(a).
 - (4) Falsely represents his or her age for the purpose of receiving alcohol beverages from a licensee or permittee.
- (b) Any underage person not accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or spouse who has attained the legal drinking age who knowingly possesses or consumes fermented malt beverages is guilty of a violation.
- (c) Any person violating Subsections (a) or (b) is subject to the following penalties:
- (1) For a first violation, a forfeiture of not more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), suspension of the person's operating privilege as provided under Sec. 343.30(6)(b)1, Wis. Stats., participation in a supervised work program under Subsection (d) or any combination of these penalties.
 - (2) For a violation committed within twelve (12) months of a previous violation, either a forfeiture of not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), suspension of the person's operating privilege as provided under Sec. 343.30(6)(b)2, Wis. Stats.,

- participation in a supervised work program under Subsection (d) or any combination of these penalties.
- (3) For a violation committed within twelve (12) months of two (2) or more previous violations, either a forfeiture of not more than One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00), revocation of the person's operating privilege under Sec. 343.30(6)(b)3, Wis. Stats., participation in a supervised work program under Subsection (d) or any combination of these penalties.
- (d)
 - (1) If the Court orders a person to participate in a supervised work program under Subsection (d), the Court shall set standards for the program within the budgetary limits established by the Town Board. The program may provide the person with reasonable compensation reflecting the market value of the work performed, or it may consist of uncompensated community service work and shall be administered by the County Department of Public Welfare or a community agency approved by the court.
 - (2) The supervised work program shall be of a constructive nature designed to promote the person's rehabilitation, shall be appropriate to the persons's age level and physical ability and shall be combined with counseling from an agency staff member or other qualified person. The program may not conflict with the person's regular attendance at school. The amount of work required shall be reasonably related to the seriousness of the person's offense.
 - (e) When a court revokes or suspends a person's operating privilege under Subsection (c), the Department of Transportation may not disclose information concerning or relating to the revocation or suspension to any person other than a court, district attorney, county corporation counsel, city, village or town attorney, law enforcement agency or the person whose operating privilege is revoked or suspended. A person entitled to receive information under this paragraph may not disclose the information to any other person or agency.
 - (f) A person who is under eighteen (18) years of age on the date of disposition is subject to Sec. 48.344, Wis. Stats., unless proceedings have been instituted against the person in a court of civil or criminal justice after dismissal of the citation under Sec. 48.344(3), Wis. Stats.
 - (g) Subsections (a) and (b) do not prohibit an underage person employed by a licensee or permittee from possessing fermented malt beverages during the brewing process or for sale or delivery to customers.
 - (h) Subsections (a) and (b) do not prohibit an underage person employed by a brewery, a winery or a facility for the rectifying or manufacture of intoxicating liquor or the production of fuel alcohol from possessing alcohol beverages during regular working hours and in the course of employment.

Sec. 9-4-4 Defense of Sellers.

- (a) **Defenses.** Proof of the following facts by a seller of alcohol beverages to an underage person is a defense to any prosecution for a violation of this Section:

- (1) That the purchaser falsely represented in writing and supported with other documentary proof that he or she had attained the legal drinking age.
 - (2) That the appearance of the purchaser was such that an ordinary and prudent person would believe that the purchaser had attained the legal drinking age.
 - (3) That the sale was made in good faith and in reliance on the written representation and appearance of the purchaser in the belief that the purchaser had attained the legal drinking age.
- (b) **Book Kept by Licensees and Permittees.** Every retail alcohol beverage licensee or permittee shall cause a book to be kept for the purpose of this Subsection. The licensee or permittee or his or her employee shall require any person who has shown documentary proof that he or she has attained the legal drinking age to sign the book if the person's age is in question. The book shall show the date of the purchase of the alcohol beverages, the identification used in making the purchase, the address of the purchaser and the purchaser's signature.

State Law Reference: Sec. 125.07(6) and (7), Wis. Stats.

**Sec. 9-4-5 Persons Who Have Attained the Legal Drinking Age;
False or Altered Identification Cards.**

- (a)
 - (1) Any person who has attained the legal drinking age, other than one authorized by Sec. 125.08, Wis. Stats., who makes, alters or duplicates an official identification card may be fined not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days or both.
 - (2) Any person who has attained the legal drinking age who, in applying for an identification card, presents false information to the issuing officer may be fined not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or imprisoned not more than ten (10) days or both.
- (b) Any underage person who does any of the following is subject to the penalties specified under Section 9-4-3(c) or (d):
 - (1) Intentionally carries an official identification card not legally issued to him or her, an official identification card obtained under false pretenses or an official identification card which has been altered or duplicated to convey false information. A law enforcement officer shall confiscate any card that violates this Subsection.
 - (2) Makes, alters or duplicates an official identification card.
 - (3) Presents false information to an issuing officer in applying for an official identification card.

State Law Reference: Sec. 125.09(3), Wis. Stats.

Sec. 9-4-6 Possession of Alcohol Beverages on School Grounds Prohibited.

- (a) In this Subsection:
 - (1) "Motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle owned, rented or consigned to a school.
 - (2) "School" means a public, parochial or private school which provides an educational program for one (1) or more grades between grades 1 and 12 and which is commonly known as an elementary school, middle school, junior high school, senior high school or high school.
 - (3) "School administrator" means the person designated by the governing body of a school as ultimately responsible for the ordinary operations of a school.
 - (4) "School premises" means premises owned, rented or under control of a school.
- (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c) no person may possess or consume alcohol beverages:
 - (1) On school premises;
 - (2) In a motor vehicle, if a pupil attending the school is in the motor vehicle; or
 - (3) While participating in a school-sponsored activity.
- (c) Alcohol beverages may be possessed or consumed on school premises, in motor vehicles or by participants in school-sponsored activities if specifically permitted in writing by the school administrator consistent with applicable laws and ordinances.
- (d) A person who violates this Section is subject to a forfeiture of not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), except that Sec. 48.344, Wis. Stats, and Section 9-4-3(c) and (d) of this Code of Ordinances provide the penalties applicable to underage persons.

Cross-Reference: Section 9-5-4.

Sec. 9-4-7 Adult Permitting or Encouraging Underage Violation.

- (a) No adult may knowingly permit or fail to take action to prevent the illegal consumption of alcohol beverages by an underage person on premises owned by the person or under the person's control. This Subsection does not apply to alcohol beverages used exclusively as part of a religious service.
- (b) No adult may intentionally encourage or contribute to a violation of Section 9-4-3(a) or (b).
- (c) A person who violates this Section is subject to a forfeiture of not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

State Law Reference Sec. 125.07(1)(a)3 and 4, Wis. Stats.

Sec. 9-4-8 Solicitation of Drinks Prohibited.

Any licensee, permittee or bartender of a retail alcohol beverage establishment covered by a license or permit issued by the Town who permits an entertainer or an employee to solicit a drink of any

alcohol beverage defined in Section 125.02(1) of the Wisconsin Statutes, or any other drink from a customer on the premises, or any entertainer or employee who solicits such drinks from any customer is deemed in violation of this Section.