

## **AB 433**

Yesterday, the State Assembly passed Assembly Bill 433, relating to winery hours, on a voice vote. We have reached a deal with the author of the bill, Rep John Nygren, which will require barns or any other place in which alcohol is consumed to obtain the appropriate license.

The compromise legislation on AB 433 does three things:

1. Allow wineries to stay open from the current time of 9 pm to Midnight.
2. No owner of a property who rents it to another may permit the consumption of alcohol on the property without obtaining the appropriate retail license. This will address the growing problem of barns and other types of venues being rented without any type of license for the consumption of alcohol on the premise.
3. Eliminates the 4-liter requirement for distilled spirits for off sale consumption purchased from a “Class B” licensee.

You can view a memo of the bill as amended here:

<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2017/related/lcamendmemo/ab433.pdf>

The bill now goes to the State Senate, who is planning to be on the floor only one more day this session – March 20. This issue will be a focus of the upcoming Legislative Day on March 6, so your participation is critical to help deliver this message to your State Senator.