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## **Ozaukee County Fairgrounds Liquor License Bill Signed into Law**

**Madison, WI**—Today, Governor Walker signed Assembly Bill 450 into law. The legislation, which Representative Rob Brooks (R-Saukville) authored, reaffirms Ozaukee County’s ability to sell alcoholic beverages at the Ozaukee County Fairgrounds.

In 2012, the Ozaukee County Board received approval from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue to permit licensed vendors to sell liquor on the premises of the Ozaukee County Fairgrounds for special events. The Department of Revenue made its decision to issue “Class B” permits to concessionaires based on existing Wisconsin state statutes. Unfortunately, the Department of Revenue recently interpreted chapter 125 of the Wisconsin state statutes differently than in 2012, resulting in Ozaukee County being prohibited from selling liquor and wine at the fairgrounds’ exposition center.

“Assembly Bill 450 remedies a Wisconsin Department of Revenue statutory interpretation oversight, while simultaneously allowing the Ozaukee County Board to continue their process of approving vendors to sell intoxicating liquor. This legislation brings certainty to our local officials by ensuring that they are in compliance with the Department of Revenue and state statutes,” Representative Rob Brooks opined.

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