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Wisconsin Should Ban Powdered Alcohol

Sen. Carpenter introduces bill with bi-partisan support to ban powdered alcohol.

Madison – State Senator Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee) announced that he has introduced a bill to ban the sale of powdered alcohol in Wisconsin. Known as “Palcohol,” the powder can be added to liquid, sprinkled on food, or otherwise ingested to add the buzz of a full cocktail.

“The potential for abuse outweighs quite heavily the need for that type of product,” said Carpenter.

Senator Carpenter expressed concern that such a powder would make it easy to sneak the substance into sporting events or high school classrooms, or someone could mistake the powder for something else and ingest it accidentally.

“Add to this the fact that Wisconsin is the only state in the nation where the first OWI is not a crime, and you are mixing a dangerous cocktail with powdered alcohol. It took several tragic deaths before the sale of alcohol laced energy drinks and ‘bath salts’ were pulled off the market. I just don’t think we need to wait for similar tragedies to happen,” said Carpenter.

Alaska, Delaware, Louisiana, South Carolina and Vermont have already banned powdered alcohol, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Colorado, Minnesota, Ohio, and New York also are considering bans.

“I am pleased that this bill has bipartisan support, and I hope that we will join other states in dealing with this matter proactively,” said Carpenter.

Carpenter noted that the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAA) has stated that Wisconsin is the 8th highest in the nation in per capita in alcohol consumption.

Senator Carpenter’s press releases are available for review at
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