

## Cocktails-To-Go Headed to Governor Evers' Desk

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**Madison, WI -** On Tuesday, the Wisconsin State Senate passed the Cocktails-To-Go legislation authored by Senator Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) and Representative David Steffen (R-Green Bay) with broad bipartisan support.

"Our hospitality industry has been one of the hardest hit throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing shutdown, and we're really feeling it in rural Wisconsin. Cocktails-To-Go is another tool in the toolbox to help our local bars and restaurants weather this storm."

Cocktails-To-Go will allow bars and restaurants the ability to sell cocktails in tamper-evident sealed containers with their to-go orders – similar to our current practice with growlers of beer. The bill does not change any open alcohol or drunk-driving standards or laws currently in place.

"Our local bars and restaurants are more than just small businesses – time and time again they've shown up to support their communities, sponsor our sports teams, and help us celebrate milestones and holidays. This legislation will enable them to increase their profit margins, and will provide relief to this struggling industry, who were unceremoniously shut down by Governor Evers last spring."

The bill now heads to the Governor's desk, where he will decide to either sign it into law or veto it.

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