

A Shot at Leveling the Playing Field

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Senator Smith outlines legislation that would standardize Wisconsin's laws on alcoholic beverages and explains the importance of bringing alcohol regulation up to date.

MADISON - Rules and regulations often get a bad rap. They can be onerous, outdated, or both. But at their best, regulations are put into place to ensure the safety of our communities, often in response to new technologies or evolving economies.

Occasionally regulations are implemented with foresight, but it's not easy to predict how our society will change in advance. Regulations are oftentimes put in place because accidents occurred, or unscrupulous people cheated others.

I have the honor of serving on the Senate Committee on Universities and Revenue. At a public hearing last week, my colleagues and I heard from the public on two bills which propose changes to the way our state regulates alcoholic beverages and related industries.

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