



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 209
[2013 Senate Bill 68]

**Termination of Spousal
Maintenance**

2013 Wisconsin Act 209 codifies the principle that unless already terminated for another reason, spousal maintenance terminates on the death of either the payer or the recipient, whichever occurs first.

The Act also specifies that when a recipient of spousal maintenance or family support remarries, the recipient must notify the court and the payer within 10 days of the remarriage. Upon receiving the notice of remarriage from either a recipient or a payer, a court must terminate the spousal maintenance order. Prior law allowed the payer to apply for termination of the maintenance payments upon the recipient's remarriage, which is unaffected by the Act.

Effective date: 2013 Wisconsin Act 209 is effective April 10, 2014. An order for spousal maintenance or family support that is issued on or after that date must include a statement informing the recipient of the obligation to notify the court and the payer if the recipient remarries.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.