



1997 SENATE BILL 508

March 17, 1998 - Introduced by Senator GEORGE, cosponsored by Representatives R. YOUNG, GROTHMAN, L. YOUNG and RILEY. Referred to Committee on Labor, Transportation and Financial Institutions.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 345.47 (1) (b) and 800.09 (1) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 the maximum suspension period of an operating privilege suspended for failure
3 to pay a forfeiture.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires a court to imprison a person who fails to pay a court-ordered forfeiture and related penalty assessments until such time as the forfeiture and assessments are paid or for 90 days, whichever occurs first. In lieu of ordering imprisonment, the court may suspend the person's operating privilege, which is the privilege to drive a motor vehicle, for 30 days or until the person pays the forfeiture and assessments, but not to exceed 5 years.

Current law also authorizes a municipal court to suspend a person's operating privilege, if the person is more than 60 days delinquent in paying restitution, or a forfeiture and related penalty assessments, ordered by the court. The operating privilege remains suspended until the person completes the payments or until 5 years have elapsed, whichever occurs first.

This bill reduces the maximum suspension period of an operating privilege suspended by a court for failure to pay a forfeiture and related assessments, or suspended by a municipal court for failing to pay restitution, from 5 years to 2 years.

