



State of Wisconsin
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2015 SENATE BILL 791

March 21, 2016 – Introduced by Senators VINEHOUT and BEWLEY, cosponsored by Representatives DANOU and BERCEAU. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 192.17 and 192.47; and *to amend* 175.05 (1) (c) and 440.26 (5)
2 (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** eliminating police powers for railway
3 companies.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill eliminates the authority of railway companies to appoint and employ railroad police officers. This bill also eliminates the authority of a railroad conductor to arrest passengers. Under current law, railroad police officers have general police powers, including the power to arrest, relating to violations of state law or local ordinance that occur on railroad cars or railway company property.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 175.05 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:
5 175.05 (1) (c) “Peace officer” includes sheriffs, undersheriffs, deputy sheriffs,
6 police officers, ~~railroad police officers appointed under s. 192.47,~~ constables,
7 marshals, deputy marshals, and federal law enforcement officers.
8 **SECTION 2.** 192.17 of the statutes is repealed.

