



## 2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 90

March 22, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives STEFFEN, BROOKS, KATSMAN, SUBECK, TITTL, TUSLER and VORPAGEL, cosponsored by Senators LEMAHIEU, BEWLEY, COWLES, KOOYENGA, MARKLEIN and WANGGAARD. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 135.02 (6) of the statutes; **relating to:** the applicability of the  
2 Wisconsin Fair Dealership Law.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill exempts a unit or instrumentality of the federal government, the state, or a local government from the Wisconsin Fair Dealership Law.

The Wisconsin Fair Dealership Law currently governs certain aspects of the relationship between a person who grants another person a dealership situated in this state. The Wisconsin Supreme Court, in *Benson v. City of Madison*, 2017 WI 65, 376 Wis. 2d 35, 57, has ruled that the Wisconsin Fair Dealership Law applies to cities.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 135.02 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 135.02 (6) "Person" means a natural person, partnership, joint venture,  
5 corporation, or other entity, but does not include a unit or instrumentality of the  
6 federal government, the state, or a local government.

7 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

