

# 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 178

March 8, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives LA FAVE, SYKORA, J. LEHMAN, GOETSCH, BOCK, COLON, KREUSER, POWERS and RILEY, cosponsored by Senator BURKE. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

1 AN ACT *to amend* 74.53 (1) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** personal liability for  
2 razing costs.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, counties and municipalities may bring a civil action against persons for certain costs that appear on property tax bills. Among those costs are those of razing property and restoring the site. Those costs are charged against the person who owned the property when it was razed. Under this bill, those costs may also be charged against the person who owned the property when the order to raze the property was recorded in the register of deeds office.

For further information see the ***local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

3 SECTION 1. 74.53 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:  
4 74.53 (1) (b) The cost of razing and removing property and restoring the site  
5 to a dust-free and erosion-free condition incurred under s. 66.05 (2), (5), (8) (bg) or  
6 (10) or of filling an excavation incurred under s. 66.05 (6) if the person owned the

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1 property when the property was razed and removed and the site restored or the  
2 excavation was filled, or if the person owned the property when the order to raze the  
3 property was recorded in the register of deeds office.

4 (END)