## 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 116

February 9, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives Travis, Albers, Boyle, Gunderson, Handrick, Hasenohrl, Huber, Klusman, Ladwig, F. Lasee, Lassa, J. Lehman, M. Lehman, Miller, Musser, Plouff, Porter, Schneider, Seratti, Sherman, Steinbrink, Urban and Powers, cosponsored by Senators Erpenbach, Breske, A. Lasee, Roessler, Schultz and Welch, by request of Town of Springfield. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

- 1 AN ACT *to amend* 60.557 (2) of the statutes; **relating to:** state reimbursement
- 2 of towns for fire calls on state or federal highways.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, if a town incurs costs for a fire call on a state trunk highway or any highway that is a part of the national system of interstate highways and maintained by the department of transportation (DOT), DOT is required to reimburse the town up to \$500 for the costs if the town submits written proof that the town has made a reasonable effort to collect the costs from the person to whom the fire call was provided. If the town collects the costs from such a person after DOT has reimbursed the town, the town is required to return the amount collected to DOT.

This bill requires DOT to reimburse a town for costs the town incurs for a fire call on a state trunk highway or any highway that is a part of the national system of interstate highways and maintained by DOT even if the fire equipment is not actually used.

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

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

**SECTION 1.** 60.557 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

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60.557 (2) If a town incurs costs for a fire call on a state trunk highway or any highway that is a part of the national system of interstate highways and maintained by the department of transportation, the department of transportation shall reimburse the town up to \$500 for the costs, even if the fire equipment is not actually used, if the town submits written proof that the town has made a reasonable effort to collect the cost from the person to whom the fire call was provided. If the town collects the cost from such person after the department reimburses the town, the town shall return the amount collected to the department.

## **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

(1) This act first applies to fire calls that occur on the effective date of this subsection.

12 (END)