



2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 566

October 15, 2001 - Introduced by Representatives STASKUNAS, BIES, RICHARDS, BERCEAU, WASSERMAN, STONE and LASSA, cosponsored by Senators BURKE, ROSENZWEIG, DARLING and HUELSMAN. Referred to Committee on Highway Safety.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 346.655 (1), 346.655 (2) (a) and 346.655 (2) (b); and *to create*
2 346.655 (2) (am) of the statutes; **relating to:** a surcharge for convictions related
3 to operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, as changed by the 2001 budget act, a person who is convicted of certain violations relating to operating a vehicle while intoxicated must pay a driver improvement surcharge of \$355 in addition to any applicable forfeiture or fine, assessments, and costs. The driver improvement surcharge is distributed between the municipality or county where the conviction occurs and the state.

This bill increases the driver improvement surcharge to \$455. Under the bill, \$100 of that amount is given to the law enforcement agency that arrested the person who is convicted of the violation relating to operating a vehicle while intoxicated. The bill requires the law enforcement agency to use the money to purchase and maintain law enforcement equipment that will be used to prevent alcohol-related and other drug-related criminal activity. The remaining \$355 is distributed, as under current law, between the municipality or county where the conviction occurs and the state.

For further information see the *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:

ASSEMBLY BILL 566**SECTION 1**

1 **SECTION 1.** 346.655 (1) of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act 16,
2 is amended to read:

3 346.655 (1) If a court imposes a fine or a forfeiture for a violation of s. 346.63
4 (1) or (5), or a local ordinance in conformity therewith, or s. 346.63 (2) or (6) or 940.25,
5 or s. 940.09 where the offense involved the use of a vehicle, it shall impose a driver
6 improvement surcharge in an amount of ~~\$355~~ \$455 in addition to the fine or
7 forfeiture, penalty assessment, jail assessment, crime laboratories and drug law
8 enforcement assessment, and, if required by s. 349.04, truck driver education
9 assessment.

10 **SECTION 2.** 346.655 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 346.655 (2) (a) Except as provided in (b), the clerk of circuit court shall collect
12 and transmit ~~\$355~~ of the amount paid by each person under sub. (1) to the county
13 treasurer as provided in s. 59.40 (2) (m). The county treasurer shall then make
14 payment of 38.5% of the amount ~~\$355~~ to the state treasurer as provided in s. 59.25
15 (3) (f) 2.

16 **SECTION 3.** 346.655 (2) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

17 346.655 (2) (am) The clerk of circuit court or the municipal court shall collect
18 and transmit \$100 of the amount paid by each person under sub. (1) to the law
19 enforcement agency that arrested the person for a violation of s. 346.63 (1) or (5), or
20 a local ordinance in conformity therewith, or s. 346.63 (2) or (6) or 940.25, or s. 940.09
21 where the offense involved the use of a vehicle. The law enforcement agency shall
22 use any amounts received under this paragraph to purchase and maintain law
23 enforcement equipment that will assist in the prevention of alcohol-related and
24 other drug-related violations.

