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2003 Wisconsin Act 225 [2003 Assembly Bill 341]	Domestic Abuse Assessment
2003 Acts: www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/	Act Memos: www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm

2003 Wisconsin Act 225 increases the criminal domestic abuse assessment and permits counties to use revenue from marriage licenses for services related to domestic violence.

Under current law, a court must impose a domestic abuse assessment on a person who is convicted of a domestic abuse offense. The Act increases the assessment from \$50 to \$75.

Under current law, each county clerk receives a \$49.50 fee for each marriage license the county clerk issues. \$24.50 of this fee becomes a part of the funds of the county. The county board may increase the license fee by any amount. The county retains the increased amount as county funds. The Act provides that a county may, but is not required to, use any or all of amount of the marriage license fee that it retains for education, training, or services related to domestic violence.

Effective Date: Act 225 becomes effective on April 27, 2004.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information,
consult the text of the law and related legislative documents.