



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2003 Wisconsin Act 252 [2003 Senate Bill 416]	Penalty for Failure to Pay for Tickets at Recreational Activities
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2003 Wisconsin Act 252 creates a penalty for failure to pay for a ticket or other means of admission, or an accommodation or service at a recreational attraction.

The Act provides that whoever obtains a ticket or other means of admission, other accommodation, or service at a recreational facility and intentionally absconds without paying for it is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$10,000 and imprisonment not to exceed nine months. Under the Act, if a person has obtained a ticket, another means of admission, or an accommodation or service provided by the recreational attraction, his or her failure to pay a recreational attraction the established charge for the ticket, other means of admission, accommodation, or service provided by the recreational attraction constitutes prima facie evidence of an intent to abscond without payment.

Under the Act, "recreational attraction" means a public accommodation designed for amusement and includes chair lifts or ski resorts, water parks, theaters, entertainment venues, racetracks, swimming pools, trails, golf courses, carnivals, and amusement parks.

The Act also provides that a person may be civilly liable for the retail value of the ticket, other means of admission, accommodation, or services.

Effective Date: The Act takes effect on April 28, 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.