

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	13-1983/1	Introduction Number	SB-179	Estimate Type	Original
Description Miscellaneous provisions related to rental and vehicle towing practices and eviction proceedings, prohibitions on enacting ordinances that place certain limitations or requirements on landlords, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, granting rule-making authority					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill would eliminate the need for a citation to be issued prior to the towing of a vehicle from properly posted private property. It is expected that this bill would result in a decrease of citations issued for violations under Wis. Stat. 346.55 (3) and (4). Thus, local government entities would see a decrease in revenue from such citations. The reduction in citations cannot be fairly estimated. However, the lost revenue can be assumed to range from \$30 per citation (the forfeiture on a first offense handled by a circuit court) to \$88 per citation (the total cost for an offense handled by a municipal court).

The bill also requires that a vehicle owner pay all costs associated with towing and storage prior to recovering the vehicle. Unclaimed vehicles could give rise to towing liens under 779.415. Resolving these liens and disposing of such vehicles could have additional administrative and fiscal impacts on local government.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications