



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2015 Wisconsin Act 253**  
[2015 Senate Bill 97]

**Including Household Pets in  
Certain Orders and Injunctions**

2015 Wisconsin Act 253 provides that when a judge or circuit court commissioner issues a domestic abuse, child abuse, individual-at-risk, or harassment temporary restraining order or injunction, the judge or circuit court commissioner may order the respondent not to remove, hide, damage, harm, or mistreat, or dispose of a household pet. The Act further provides that the judge or circuit court commissioner may order the respondent to allow the petitioner or a family member or household member of the petitioner acting on his or her behalf to retrieve a household pet.

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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 at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.