

Fiscal Estimate - 2017 Session

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LRB Number 17-3592/1	Introduction Number SB-308
Description patronizing a prostitute and providing a criminal penalty	
Fiscal Effect	
State: <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
Local: <input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill changes the criminal penalty for patronizing a prostitute from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class I felony, if the person had previously been convicted of the same crime at least two other times.

To determine the impact on required judicial resources, we have relied on the Wisconsin Judicial Workload Assessment 2016, submitted to the Director of State Courts by the National Center for State Courts. For this study, all Wisconsin judges and court commissioners participated in a time study designed to measure the time currently spent processing different types of cases from initial filing to final resolution. According to the study, felony cases took 197 minutes of judicial time. For purposes of comparison, the same study found misdemeanor cases took 39 minutes of judicial time.

It is impossible to predict how many persons would be charged with a felony rather than a misdemeanor under the provisions of this bill. As indicated, for each such case, the amount of judicial time involved would be about five times as great as under current law (where the offense is a misdemeanor).

Lengthier court proceedings also require additional court reporter, court staff and juror time. These costs are borne by both the state and the county. An accurate estimate of the additional costs of this proposal, and how those costs will be divided between the state and the counties, is impossible with the data available.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications