

# State of Wisconsin



2019 Senate Bill 4

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## 2019 WISCONSIN ACT 5

AN ACT *to renumber and amend* 341.65 (1) (a); *to amend* 341.65 (2) (b); and *to create* 341.65 (1) (a) 2. and 341.65 (2) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** motor vehicle immobilization devices.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

**SECTION 1g.** 341.65 (1) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 341.65 (1) (a) (intro.) and amended to read:

341.65 (1) (a) (intro.) "Immobilization device" means a device or mechanism ~~which~~ that immobilizes a motor vehicle by ~~locking~~ doing any of the following:

1. Locking around a wheel, thereby making the motor vehicle inoperable.

**SECTION 1r.** 341.65 (1) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

341.65 (1) (a) 2. Being placed upon the front windshield to obstruct the driver's view through the windshield.

**SECTION 2.** 341.65 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.65 (2) (b) Any municipal or university police officer, sheriff's deputy, county traffic patrolman, state traffic officer, conservation warden, or parking enforcer, or other person authorized under par. (c) who discovers any unregistered motor vehicle located upon any highway may cause the motor vehicle to be immobilized with an immobilization device or removed to a suitable place

of impoundment. Upon immobilization or removal of the motor vehicle, the officer, warden, or parking enforcer, or authorized person shall notify the sheriff or chief of police of the location of the immobilized or impounded motor vehicle and the reason for the immobilization or impoundment. Upon causing the removal of the motor vehicle by a towing service, the officer, warden, or parking enforcer, or authorized person shall, within 24 hours of ordering the removal, notify the towing service of the name and last-known address of the registered owner and all lienholders of record of the vehicle, unless the officer or parking enforcer is employed by a municipality or county that has entered into a towing services agreement which requires the municipality or county to provide notice to such owner and lienholders of the towing.

**SECTION 3.** 341.65 (2) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

341.65 (2) (c) A county, municipality, or university may enter into a contract with a person that authorizes the person to conduct placement and removal of immobilization devices as provided in par. (b). A contract entered into under this paragraph may allow for remote unlocking and removal of an immobilization device.

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\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."