

**CHAPTER 259.**

AN ACT to amend 48.01 (5) (a) (introductory paragraph) and 301.22 and to create 48.01 (5) (ar) and 48.07 (1a) of the statutes, relating to the trial of juveniles for violation of traffic ordinances.

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

SECTION 1. 48.01 (5) (a) (introductory paragraph) is amended to read:

48.01 (5) (a) (introductory paragraph) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and \* \* \* paragraphs (am) and (ar) the juvenile court shall have exclusive jurisdiction of proceedings under this chapter involving:

SECTION 2. 48.01 (5) (ar) of the statutes is created to read:

48.01 (5) (ar) Except in counties having a population of 500,000 or more courts of civil jurisdiction shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the juvenile court in proceedings against children under 18 years for forfeitures for violations of county or municipal ordinances enacted in conformity with section 85.84, provided that the sole penalty in civil court for non-payment of any forfeiture shall be suspension of the child's driver's license which the court is hereby empowered to decree. Such suspension shall not be stayed during the pendency of any appeal.

SECTION 3. 48.07 (1a) is created to read:

48.07 (1a) If the court shall find that the child has violated a county or municipal ordinance enacted in conformity with section 85.84, it may decree a forfeiture in accordance with the terms of the ordinance and enforce payment thereof under subsection (1) or by suspension of the child's driver's license until the forfeiture has been paid. Such suspension shall not be stayed during the pendency of any appeal.

SECTION 4. 301.22 of the statutes is amended to read:

301.22 *Except for proceedings to recover forfeitures for violations of county or municipal ordinances enacted in conformity with section 85.84*, after the service and return of civil process against any minor the action shall not be further prosecuted until a guardian for him has been appointed. Upon the request of a defendant the justice shall appoint some person, consenting thereto in writing, to be guardian of the defendant in the action; and if the defendant does not appear on the return day of the process or if he neglects or refuses to nominate such guardian the justice may, at the request of the plaintiff, appoint any suitable person as guardian. The guardian shall not be liable for costs.

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