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ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 2,
TO 2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 344

July 14, 2005 - Offered by Representative MUSSER.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 343.23 (2) (b), 343.305 (10) (b) 1., 343.305 (10) (b) 2., 343.305
2 (10) (b) 3., 343.305 (10) (b) 4., 343.307 (1) (c), 346.65 (2) (b), 346.65 (2) (c), 346.65
3 (2) (d), 346.65 (2) (e) and 346.65 (2c); and **to create** 343.307 (1) (g) and 346.65
4 (2d) of the statutes; **relating to:** operating while intoxicated and providing a
5 penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Transportation (DOT) maintains a driving record for every person who possesses a driver's license. When DOT receives notice that a person was convicted of an offense relating to operating certain vehicles while intoxicated or operating certain vehicles with a prohibited blood alcohol concentration (OWI-related offense), that information is kept permanently in the person's driving record. Also under current law, when a person commits an OWI-related offense, the court is required to consider the number of previous OWI-related offenses committed by the person to determine the person's penalty.

2003 Wisconsin Act 30 requires DOT to purge the record of a first violation from a driver's record if the person who committed the violation had a blood alcohol concentration between 0.08 and 0.1 at the time of the violation, if the person does not have a commercial driver license, if the violation was not committed by a person

operating a commercial motor vehicle, and if the person does not commit another alcohol-related driving offense during the ten-year period following the violation.

This substitute amendment eliminates the requirements that DOT retain or purge certain OWI-related records, but forbids courts to count, for the purposes of determining a penalty, any OWI-related offense that occurred within ten years of another OWI-related offense, so long as the offense does not involve causing serious bodily injury or death to another person or the person has not committed a third OWI-related offense.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 343.23 (2) (b) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Acts 30,
2 33 and 320, is amended to read:

3 343.23 (2) (b) The information specified in pars. (a) and (am) must be filed by
4 the department so that the complete operator's record is available for the use of the
5 secretary in determining whether operating privileges of such person shall be
6 suspended, revoked, canceled, or withheld, or the person disqualified, in the interest
7 of public safety. ~~The record of suspensions, revocations, and convictions that would~~
8 ~~be counted under s. 343.307 (2) shall be maintained permanently, except that the~~
9 ~~department shall purge the record of a first violation of s. 23.33 (4e) (a) 2., 30.681 (1)~~
10 ~~(b) 1., 346.63 (1) (b), or 350.101 (1) (b) after 10 years, if the person who committed the~~
11 ~~violation had a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08 or more but less than 0.1 at the~~
12 ~~time of the violation, if the person does not have a commercial driver license, if the~~
13 ~~violation was not committed by a person operating a commercial motor vehicle, and~~
14 ~~if the person has no other suspension, revocation, or conviction that would be counted~~
15 ~~under s. 343.307 during that 10-year period.~~ The record of convictions for
16 disqualifying offenses under s. 343.315 (2) (h) shall be maintained for at least 10
17 years. The record of convictions for disqualifying offenses under s. 343.315 (2) (f) and
18 (j), and all records specified in par. (am), shall be maintained for at least 3 years. The

1 record of convictions for disqualifying offenses under s. 343.315 (2) (a) to (e) shall be
2 maintained permanently, except that 5 years after a licensee transfers residency to
3 another state such record may be transferred to another state of licensure of the
4 licensee if that state accepts responsibility for maintaining a permanent record of
5 convictions for disqualifying offenses. Such reports and records may be cumulative
6 beyond the period for which a license is granted, but the secretary, in exercising the
7 power of suspension granted under s. 343.32 (2) may consider only those reports and
8 records entered during the 4-year period immediately preceding the exercise of such
9 power of suspension.

10 **SECTION 2.** 343.305 (10) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

11 343.305 (10) (b) 1. ~~Except as provided in subds. 3. and 4., the~~ The court shall
12 revoke the person's operating privilege under this paragraph according to the
13 number of previous suspensions, revocations, or convictions committed on or after
14 January 1, 1989, that would be counted under s. 343.307 (2) (a) to (g), plus the
15 number of previous convictions under s. 940.09 (1) or 940.25. Suspensions,
16 revocations, and convictions arising out of the same incident shall be counted as one.
17 If a person has a conviction, suspension, or revocation for any offense that is counted
18 under s. 343.307 (2), that conviction, suspension, or revocation shall count as a prior
19 conviction, suspension, or revocation under this subdivision if the offense occurred
20 within 10 years of any other offense, if the offense followed any 10-year period during
21 which the person was convicted of 2 or more offenses that could be counted under s.
22 343.307 (2), or if the offense followed a conviction under s. 940.09 or 940.25.

23 **SECTION 3.** 343.305 (10) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

24 343.305 (10) (b) 2. Except as provided in subd. 3., 4. or 4m., ~~for the first~~
25 ~~improper refusal,~~ the court shall revoke the person's operating privilege for one year.

1 After the first 30 days of the revocation period, the person is eligible for an
2 occupational license under s. 343.10.

3 **SECTION 4.** 343.305 (10) (b) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 343.305 (10) (b) 3. ~~Except as provided in subd. 4m., if~~ If the number of previous
5 suspensions, revocations, or convictions counted under ss. 940.09 (1) and 940.25 in
6 the person's lifetime, plus the total number of other convictions, suspensions, and
7 revocations counted under s. 343.307 (2) subd. 1. within a 10-year period, equals 2,
8 the court shall revoke the person's operating privilege for 2 years, unless a longer
9 period of revocation is required under subd. 4m. After the first 90 days of the
10 revocation period or, if the total number of convictions, suspensions, and revocations
11 counted under this subdivision within any 5-year period equals 2 or more, after one
12 year of the revocation period has elapsed, the person is eligible for an occupational
13 license under s. 343.10 if he or she has completed the assessment and is complying
14 with the driver safety plan.

15 **SECTION 5.** 343.305 (10) (b) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

16 343.305 (10) (b) 4. ~~Except as provided in subd. 4m., if~~ If the number of previous
17 suspensions, revocations, or convictions counted under ss. 940.09 (1) and 940.25 in
18 the person's lifetime, plus the total number of other convictions, suspensions, and
19 revocations counted under s. 343.307 (2), subd. 1. equals 3 or more, the court shall
20 revoke the person's operating privilege for 3 years, unless a longer period of
21 revocation is required under subd. 4m. After the first 120 days of the revocation
22 period or, if the total number of convictions, suspensions, and revocations counted
23 under this subdivision within any 5-year period equals 2 or more, after one year of
24 the revocation period has elapsed, the person is eligible for an occupational license

1 under s. 343.10 if he or she has completed the assessment and is complying with the
2 driver safety plan.

3 **SECTION 6.** 343.307 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 343.307 (1) (c) Convictions for violations under s. 346.63 (2) ~~or 940.25, or s.~~
5 ~~940.09 where the offense involved the use of a vehicle.~~

6 **SECTION 7.** 343.307 (1) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

7 343.307 (1) (g) Convictions for violations under s. 940.25, or s. 940.09 where
8 the offense involved the use of a vehicle.

9 **SECTION 8.** 346.65 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 346.65 (2) (b) Except as provided in par. (f), shall be fined not less than \$350
11 nor more than \$1,100 and imprisoned for not less than 5 days nor more than 6 months
12 if the number of convictions under ss. 940.09 (1) and 940.25 in the person's lifetime,
13 plus the total number of suspensions, revocations and other convictions counted
14 under s. 343.307 (1) within a 10-year period, occurrences counted under sub. (2d)
15 equals 2, except that suspensions, revocations or convictions arising out of the same
16 incident or occurrence shall be counted as one.

17 **SECTION 9.** 346.65 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 346.65 (2) (c) Except as provided in pars. (f) and (g), shall be fined not less than
19 \$600 nor more than \$2,000 and imprisoned for not less than 30 days nor more than
20 one year in the county jail if the number of convictions under ss. 940.09 (1) and 940.25
21 in the person's lifetime, plus the total number of suspensions, revocations and other
22 convictions counted under s. 343.307 (1), occurrences counted under sub. (2d) equals
23 3, except that suspensions, revocations or convictions arising out of the same
24 incident or occurrence shall be counted as one.

25 **SECTION 10.** 346.65 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 346.65 (2) (d) Except as provided in pars. (f) and (g), shall be fined not less than
2 \$600 nor more than \$2,000 and imprisoned for not less than 60 days nor more than
3 one year in the county jail if the number of ~~convictions under ss. 940.09 (1) and 940.25~~
4 ~~in the person's lifetime, plus the total number of suspensions, revocations and other~~
5 ~~convictions counted under s. 343.307 (1), occurrences counted under sub. (2d) equals~~
6 ~~4, except that suspensions, revocations or convictions arising out of the same~~
7 ~~incident or occurrence shall be counted as one.~~

8 **SECTION 11.** 346.65 (2) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 346.65 (2) (e) Except as provided in pars. (f) and (g), is guilty of a Class H felony
10 and shall be fined not less than \$600 and imprisoned for not less than 6 months if
11 the number of ~~convictions under ss. 940.09 (1) and 940.25 in the person's lifetime,~~
12 ~~plus the total number of suspensions, revocations and other convictions counted~~
13 ~~under s. 343.307 (1), occurrences counted under sub. (2d) equals 5 or more, except~~
14 ~~that suspensions, revocations or convictions arising out of the same incident or~~
15 ~~occurrence shall be counted as one.~~

16 **SECTION 12.** 346.65 (2c) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 346.65 (2c) In sub. (2) (b) ~~to (e) (2d)~~, the time period shall be measured from
18 the dates of the refusals or violations that resulted in the revocation or convictions.
19 If a person has a suspension, revocation or conviction for any offense under a local
20 ordinance or a state statute of another state that would be counted under s. 343.307
21 (1), that suspension, revocation or conviction shall count as a prior suspension,
22 revocation or conviction under sub. (2) (b) ~~to (e) (2d)~~.

23 **SECTION 13.** 346.65 (2d) of the statutes is created to read:

24 346.65 (2d) (a) When counting occurrences under sub. (2) (b) to (e), the court
25 shall count the current offense and prior offenses, but may not count any suspension,

1 revocation, or conviction described in s. 343.307 (1) (a) to (f) that occurred before
2 January 1, 1989, or that did not occur within 10 years of any other suspension,
3 revocation, or conviction that is described in s. 343.307 (1), except that the court shall
4 count all suspensions, revocations, or convictions that are described in s. 343.307 (1)
5 after either of the following:

6 1. The person was convicted under s. 940.09 (1) or 940.25.

7 2. The person has received a suspension or revocation for, or has been convicted
8 of, 2 offenses that are described in s. 343.307 (1) (a) to (f) within a 10-year period and
9 were committed on or after January 1, 1989.

10 (b) The court shall count any suspensions, revocations, or convictions arising
11 out of the same incident or occurrence as one.

12 **SECTION 14. Initial applicability.**

13 (1) This act first applies to offenses committed on the effective date of this
14 subsection.

15 **SECTION 15. Effective date.**

16 (1) This act takes effect on September 30, 2005.

17 (END)