



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Assembly Bill 421

Assembly Amendment 1

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Assembly Bill 421 consolidates all of the court assessments, surcharges, and restitution payments into the chapter of the statutes that requires the courts to impose costs and fees and clarifies which assessments, surcharges, and restitution payments apply to which type of violation. Also, the bill changes the name of all of these assessments, surcharges, and restitution payments to surcharges.

The bill requires the State Treasurer to report annually to the Legislature the amount of money that the courts collect as costs, fees, fines, forfeitures, and surcharges and requires the Director of State Courts to prepare a fiscal estimate on any bill that modifies or creates a surcharge.

Assembly Amendment 1 modifies the bill in the following manner:

- Requires the Department of Administration (DOA), rather than the State Treasurer, to report annually to the Legislature the amount of money that the courts collect as costs, fees, fines, forfeitures, and surcharges.
- Deletes “346.495” on page 86, line 20 and page 90, line 1, and inserts “346.177, 346.495, or 346.65 (4r)” relating to the railroad crossing improvement surcharge.
- Modifies the effective date to July 1, 2004 relating to the requirement that DOA, rather than the State Treasurer, report annually to the Legislature the amount of money that the courts collect as costs, fees, fines, forfeitures, and surcharges.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

On November 4, 2003, the Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1 offered by Representative McCormick on a voice vote. The Assembly passed the bill, as amended, on a voice vote.

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