



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2015 Assembly Bill 533

Assembly Amendment 1

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2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 533

Assembly Bill 533 revises the criminal penalty for a person who knowingly makes a false statement or representation to obtain unemployment benefits. The bill revises the penalty from a misdemeanor, with a fine between \$100 and \$500 and incarceration up to 90 days, to a specific penalty structure that ranges from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class G felony, depending on the dollar value of the benefits obtained. The bill allows multiple occurrences to be aggregated together and charged as one crime, and allows the occurrences to be alleged generally, for the total value and time period, without specifying any particulars.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 maintains the allowance to charge multiple occurrences together as one crime, but removes the provision allowing the occurrences to be alleged without particularity.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Kerkman on February 1, 2016. On February 2, 2016, the Assembly Committee on Public Benefit Reform recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 2. The committee then recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 5. On February 16, 2016, the Assembly adopted the amendment, and passed the bill, as amended, on voice votes.

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