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I would like to thank the Committee on Criminal Justice for allowing me to testify on Assembly Bill 212. This bill was drafted and introduced at the request of a Police chief in Eagle River WI. Assembly Bill 212 allows for a vehicle to be seized if it is involved in a crime of child enticement. The crime of Child Enticement is described in Wisconsin Statutes as,

**“948.07 Child enticement.** *Whoever, with intent to commit any of the following acts, causes or attempts to cause any child who has not attained the age of 18 years to go into any vehicle, building, room or secluded place is guilty of a Class D felony:*

- (1) *Having sexual contact or sexual intercourse with the child in violation of s. 948.02, 948.085, or 948.095.*
- (2) *Causing the child to engage in prostitution.*
- (3) *Exposing a sex organ to the child or causing the child to expose a sex organ in violation of s. 948.10.*
- (4) *Recording the child engaging in sexually explicit conduct.*
- (5) *Causing bodily or mental harm to the child.*
- (6) *Giving or selling to the child a controlled substance or controlled substance analog in violation of ch. 961.”*

Currently, vehicles may be confiscated if they are involved with certain crimes. These crimes include transporting a weapon that was used in a felony, impersonating an enforcement officer, any crime involving prostitution, etc. In addition, a vehicle may be confiscated if it involves certain crimes against children including child abuse, violating a restraining order, harassment or stalking. This bill adds child enticement to the list of crimes that would give enforcement officers the power to confiscate a vehicle.

Within Assembly Bill 212, I have included the verbiage *may* confiscate a vehicle associated in the crime of child enticement. The enforcement agency is not required to seize the vehicle, but may do so if they believe that it was involved in the crime of child enticement.

I would like to thank all co-sponsors on this piece of legislation; I hope that it is received in a bipartisan manner.