



1995 SENATE BILL 598

March 5, 1996 - Introduced by Senators SCHULTZ, RUDE, BUETTNER, ANDREA and GROBSCHMIDT, cosponsored by Representatives KRUSICK, FREESE, SILBAUGH, SCHNEIDERS and OLSEN. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Agriculture and Local Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 346.49 (1) (a); and **to create** 346.49 (1) (am) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** vehicles stopping at railroad crossings and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, when the operator of a vehicle approaches an official stop sign at a railroad crossing, the operator must stop at least 10 feet but not more than 30 feet from the nearest rail before proceeding on or over the railroad crossing. A person who fails to stop may be required to forfeit not less than \$20 nor more than \$40 or, for a 2nd or subsequent violation within a year, not less than \$50 nor more than \$100.

This bill increases these forfeiture amounts to not less than \$100 nor more than \$200 for a first violation or, for a 2nd or subsequent violation within a year, not less than \$250 nor more than \$500.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 346.49 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 346.49 (1) (a) Unless otherwise provided in par. (b) or (c), any person violating
5 s. 346.46 (1), (2m) or (4) or 346.47 may be required to forfeit not less than \$20 nor
6 more than \$40 for the first offense and not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 for the
7 2nd or subsequent conviction within a year.

