



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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2021 SENATE BILL 441

June 24, 2021 - Introduced by Senator WANGGAARD, cosponsored by Representatives SPIROS, DITTRICH, HORLACHER, KNODL, MOSES, PLUMER, ROZAR, THIESFELDT, WICHGERS and MURPHY. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

1 **AN ACT to renumber and amend** 343.44 (2) (ag) 1.; and **to create** 343.44 (2) (ag)
2 1. a., 343.44 (2) (ag) 1. b. and 343.44 (2) (ag) 1. c. of the statutes; **relating to:**
3 the penalty for operating a motor vehicle while operating privileges have been
4 suspended and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill modifies the penalty for a person who operates a motor vehicle while the person's operating privilege has been suspended (OWS).

Under current law, no person may operate a motor vehicle upon a highway unless the person possesses a valid operator's license that is not revoked, suspended, canceled, or expired. The penalty for operating a motor vehicle without a license (OWL) is a forfeiture of not more than \$200 for the first offense, a fine of not more than \$300 and imprisonment for not more than 30 days for the second offense occurring within 3 years, and a fine of not more than \$500 and imprisonment for not more than 6 months for the third or subsequent offense occurring within 3 years.

Under current law, the penalty for an OWS violation that does not cause great bodily harm or death is a forfeiture of \$50 to \$200. The bill modifies the penalty for OWS so that it is the same as OWL violations.

