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1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 82

January 31, 1995 – Introduced by Representatives Gard, Goetsch, Kaufert, Lehman, Dobyns, Owens, Ladwig, Nass, Ward, Musser, Silbaugh, Ryba, Zukowski, Seratti, Ziegelbauer, Freese and Klusman, cosponsored by Senators Drzewiecki and Breske. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Corrections.

- AN ACT to amend 973.06 (2); and to create 973.06 (1) (am) and 973.06 (1m) of
- the statutes; **relating to:** law enforcement agency fees and disbursements.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law places limits on the costs that a court may assess against a criminal defendant. One of those limits allows the court to assess the defendant for law enforcement disbursements and fees incurred in connection with the arrest, preliminary examination and trial of the defendant. This bill specifically requires the court to assess the defendant for law enforcement agency fees and disbursements relating to criminal investigations, such as for the recovery of money used to buy drugs or for the costs of crime laboratory analysis.

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:

Section 1. 973.06 (1) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

973.06 (1) (am) Fees and disbursements of law enforcement agencies expended in the course of an investigation that resulted in the defendant's conviction and were used to obtain evidence of the defendant's violation of the law. These fees and disbursements may include, but are not limited to, any of the following:

- 1. Money used to purchase controlled substances distributed in violation of ch.
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1	2. Money used to purchase prescription substances distributed in violation of
2	ch. 450.
3	3. The costs of crime laboratory analysis.
4	Section 2. 973.06 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:
5	973.06 (1m) The court shall not order reimbursement of fees and
6	disbursements under sub. (1) (am) if they have been previously repaid or collected
7	by the law enforcement agency.
8	Section 3. 973.06 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
9	973.06 (2) The court may remit the taxable costs, in whole or in part, except
10	that the court may not remit costs under sub. (1) (am).
11	SECTION 4. Initial applicability.
12	(1) This act first applies to costs taxed on the effective date of this subsection.

(END)