



1995 SENATE BILL 313

August 30, 1995 - Introduced by Senators JAUCH, BURKE, C. POTTER, PANZER, PETAK, MOEN, COWLES, CLAUSING and DRZEWIECKI, cosponsored by Representatives BOYLE, MUSSER, AINSWORTH, ZIEGELBAUER, RYBA, SERATTI, SPRINGER, WIRCH, F. LASEE and OLSEN. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 973.20 (5) (e) of the statutes; **relating to:** interest payments
2 under a restitution order.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, whenever a court imposes a sentence or orders probation for any crime, the court must order the defendant to make restitution payments to crime victims unless the court finds a substantial reason not to do so. The restitution law has various general and specific provisions for the court to use to determine what the restitution order may include. The order may not include a requirement for the defendant to pay interest on unpaid amounts of restitution. This bill permits the court to order the defendant to pay interest on unpaid restitution as computed from the date of the offense. Under the bill, the court sets the rate of interest.

For further information see the *state* 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.** 973.20 (5) (e) of the statutes is created to read:
4 973.20 (5) (e) Pay interest, at an annualized rate determined by the court, on
5 any unpaid amounts owed under this section computed from the date of the offense.

6 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

