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Steve Miller

Legislative Reference Bureau

From:

John M. Etzler

Budget and Policy Analyst

Subject: Statutory Language Changes

Please draft legislation for the budget that would allow for the following:

1. Authorize the Department of Transportation to develop a program that will charge the court for the cost associated with developing and operating a license suspension/revocation program, based on the number of suspensions requested for failure-to-pay non-traffic related local ordinances penalties. Under this program, DOT may not process an order of the court suspending or revoking a license for failure-to-pay a non-traffic related ordinance penalty until the court has paid the required fee to DOT.

Please call me at 266-1039 if you have any questions or concerns.

cc: David Schmiedicke

Nilsen, Paul

From: Sent: Etzler, John [John.Etzler@doa.state.wi.us] Wednesday, January 06, 1999 1:54 PM

To:

Nilsen, Paul

Subject:

FTP Local Ordinance

Paul -- There have been some changes to the way the failure-to-pay (FTP) non-traffic related local ordinances is being developed.

DOT is directed to develop a system that charges the courts for the cost of development and operation of a license suspension program due to failure-to-pay non-traffic related ordinance penalties based on the number of transactions processed by DOT for the courts. Under this program, no FTP's for non-traffic related local ordinances will be processed unless the court has paid DOT the appropriate amount, determined by DOT under this program, for processing the request.

This approach is similar to the "cost of traffic violation and registration program" found in s.85.13. I will be sending a drafting request for this item shortly. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks.

Wisconsin State Journal January 11, 1999

DOT proposal clumsy way to get money

This certainly wouldn't be the first time the state Department of Transportation was accused of having its priorities out of alignment. But it may be one of the worst cases of the rubber not meeting the road.

In a move that smacks of bureaucratic clumsiness, transportation officials want to start charging municipal and county courts a \$12 fee each time a judge orders a driver's license to be suspended.

The reason? To defray departmental expenses that result from processing the increased number of court-ordered license revocations

Not surprisingly, some local officials who would have to foot the bill are not pleased.

Who can blame them? A spokesman for Mayor John Norquist says it would cost the city up to \$780,000 per year.

Transportation officials argue that revocations related to driving went up only 26% between 1988 and 1996, while non-

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driving revocations jumped 278% in the same period. Over the last 10 years, officials say, judges have increasingly resorted to suspension of driver's licenses for non-driving offenses, including such things as loitering, failure to shovel a sidewalk and not paying overdue library fines.

What the state bureaucrats fail to grasp is that revoking driver's licenses is part of their normal responsibilities, along with issuing and renewing licenses.

And since cars are so important to most people in this increasingly mobile society, revoking driving privileges can be a highly effective way for judges to discipline people — including those accused of non-driving municipal offenses — or, better yet, to get them to change their behavior.

If anything, judges need more such discretion, not less. Considering that courts across the state, and especially in Milwaukee, are already financially strapped, tacking on a \$12 fee for court-ordered license revocations would make things even worse.

Besides, if the Transportation Department needs more money to do the job it's supposed to do by law, it should have the courage to ask the Legislature rather than resorting to a backdoor approach such as this.

Maybe the reason the department hasn't dared asked lawmakers for more money is because it's already well-funded, thanks to its lucrative gas tax proceeds and whopping increases in transportation aid under the new federal transportation budget.

Wisconsin State Journal January 8, 1999

DOT proposal calls for courts to pay fees

By Anita Clark Wisconsin State Journal

Would it be fair for courts to pay \$12 each time they order a driver's license suspended for non-payment of fines?

That's the proposal of the Department of Transportation, which says it needs the money to cover the costs of the program.

Some court officials in Madison and Milwaukee, however, call the proposal unfair and too expensive.

"I think it's an outrageously high amount," said Todd Meurer, a court commissioner in Dane County. "Twelve bucks is a lot of dough, and from a court's perspective way too much."

State law allows judges to order a person's license suspended if fines have not been paid in noncriminal cases, including such things as juvenile drinking, loitering and overdue library books.

Those people used to be thrown in jail — and courts still have that option — but that filled cells with people for offenses that weren't crimes.

"There just isn't any really good mechanism to get people to pay their fines," Meurer said.

In Dane County Circuit Court, 2,109 license suspensions were ordered in 1998 for people who didn't pay their fines.

Such orders also are generated from municipal courts. Milwaukee's municipal judges say they order about 65,000 suspensions a year, which would cost their city about \$780,000 under the DOT proposal. No estimate was available from Madison's court.

DOT says the suspension orders have significantly increased its workload and hurt its ability to provide other services.

In effect, the DOT said, it doesn't want to be a collection agency for the courts.

"It should be noted the courts have other methods to pursue for collecting unpaid fines such as: collection agencies, withholding wages, and garnishing lottery winnings or pension benefits," DOT said.

DOT said it handled about 180,100 suspensions for non-payment cases in 1996.

The fee proposal is included in DOT's budget request for 1999-01, which also seeks staffing help to improve customer service in the Division of Motor Vehicles.

"The DOT is the only state agency that serves virtually all citizens of Wisconsin over 16 years of age face-to-face," the agency said in its proposal. "The Wisconsin DMV can be described as the 'front door' of state government."

Judges probably could add the \$12 fee to the fine people are supposed to pay. But since the people already are in trouble for not paying the original fine, they're not likely to pay the fee either, said Leticia Smith, chief court administrator in Milwaukee.

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800.09 (1) (c) The court may suspend the defendant's operating privilege, as defined in s. 340.01 (40), until restitution is made and the forfeiture, assessments and costs are paid, if the defendant has not done so within 60 days after the date the restitution or payments or both are to be made under par. (a) and has not notified the court that he or she is unable to comply with the judgment, as provided under s. 800.095 (4) (a), except that the suspension period may not exceed 5 years. The court shall take possession of the suspended license and shall forward the license, along with a notice of the suspension clearly stating that the suspension is for failure to comply with a judgment of the court, to the department of transportation. A suspension order under this paragraph is subject to the fee under s. 85.135.

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be imposed on an adult for committing that violation or, if the violation is only applicable to a person under 18 years of age, \$50. Any such order shall include a finding that the juvenile alone is financially able to pay and shall allow up to 12 months for the payment. If a juvenile fails to pay the forfeiture, the court may suspend any license issued under ch. 29 or suspend the juvenile's operating privilege as defined in s. 340.01 (40), for not less than 30 days nor more than 5 years. The court shall immediately take possession of the suspended license and forward it to the department which issued the license, together with the notice of suspension clearly stating that the suspension is for failure to pay a forfeiture imposed by the court. Any order under this subsection suspending an operating privilege is subject to the feet under s. 85.1350 If the forfeiture is paid during the period of suspension, the court shall immediately notify the department, which will thereupon return the license to the person. Any recovery under this subsection shall be reduced by the amount recovered as a forfeiture for the same act under s. 938.45 (1r) (b).

Section 9350. Initial applicability; transportation.

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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. 85.135 of the statutes is created to read:

85.135 Fees for certain court orders suspending or revoking an operating privilege. The department shall, by rule, develop and implement a system for charging circuit courts and municipal courts for each order of the court suspending or revoking an operating privilege under s. 345.47 (1), 800.09 (1) (c), 800.095 (4) (b) 4., 938.17 (2) (d), 938.34 (8) or 938.343 (2) solely for failure to pay a forfeiture imposed for violating an ordinance that is unrelated to the violator's operation of a motor vehicle. The amount of the fee may not exceed the cost of processing the order. The department may not process an order of a court suspending or revoking an operating privilege under s. 345.47 (1), 800.09 (1) (c), 800.095 (4) (b) 4., 938.17 (2) (d), 938.34 (8) or 938.343 (2) until the court has paid the fee required under this section, if any, to the department.

SECTION 2. 345.47 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

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SECTION 2. 345.47 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read: $\sqrt{}$

345.47 (1) (c) If a court or judge suspends an operating privilege under this section, the court or judge shall immediately take possession of the suspended license and shall forward it to the department together with the notice of suspension, which shall clearly state that the suspension was for failure to pay a forfeiture, a penalty assessment, if required by s. 165.87, a jail assessment, if required by s. 302.46 (1), a railroad crossing improvement assessment, if required by s. 346.177, 346.495 or 346.65 (4r), and a crime laboratories and drug law enforcement assessment, if required by s. 165.755, and the fee required under s. 95.135, imposed by the court.

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The notice of suspension and the suspended license, if it is available, shall be forwarded to the department within 48 hours after the order of suspension. If the forfeiture, penalty assessment, jail assessment, railroad crossing improvement assessment and crime laboratories and drug law enforcement assessment are paid during a period of suspension, the court or judge shall immediately notify the department. Upon receipt of the notice and payment of the reinstatement fee under s. 343.21 (1) (j), the department shall return the surrendered license.

SECTION 3. 800.09 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

suspend the defendant's operating privilege, as defined in s. 340.01 (40), until restitution is made and the forfeiture, assessments and costs are paid, if the defendant has not done so within 60 days after the date the restitution or payments or both are to be made under par. (a) and has not notified the court that he or she is unable to comply with the judgment, as provided under s. 800.095 (4) (a), except that the suspension period may not exceed 5 years. The court shall take possession of the suspended license and shall forward the license, along with a notice of the suspension clearly stating that the suspension is for failure to comply with a judgment of the court, to the department of transportation.

SECTION 4. 800.095 (4) (b) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

800.095 (4) (b) 4. That Subject to the fee under s. 85.135, if applicable, that the defendant's operating privilege, as defined in s. 340.01 (40), be suspended until the judgment is complied with, except that the suspension period may not exceed 5 years.

Section 5. 814.613 of the statutes is created to read:

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SECTION 6. 814.65 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

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SECTION 7. 938.17 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

938.17 (2) (d) If a municipal court finds that the juvenile violated a municipal ordinance other than an ordinance enacted under s. 118.163 or an ordinance that conforms to s. 125.07 (4) (a) or (b), 125.085 (3) (b), 125.09 (2), 961.573 (2), 961.574 (2) or 961.575 (2), the court shall enter any of the dispositional orders permitted under s. 938.343 that are authorized under par. (cm). If a juvenile fails to pay the forfeiture imposed by the municipal court, the court may not impose a jail sentence but may suspend any license issued under ch. 29 for not less than 30 days nor more than 5 years, or, subject to the fee under s. 85.135, if applicable may suspend the juvenile's operating privilege, as defined in s. 340.01 (40), for not less than 30 days nor more than 5 years. If a court suspends a license or privilege under this section, the court shall immediately take possession of the applicable license and forward it to the

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