



1999 SENATE BILL 507

March 23, 2000 – Introduced by Senators DRZEWIECKI, FARROW and ROSENZWEIG, cosponsored by Representatives STONE, HUEBSCH, WASSERMAN and KELSO. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Consumer Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 343.30 (1q) (b) 2. of the statutes; **relating to:** the suspension
2 or revocation of a motor vehicle operating privilege upon a conviction for the
3 offense of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, upon a person's first conviction for the offense of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant (OWI), the person's motor vehicle operating privilege is suspended for not less than six months and not more than nine months if the offense did not involve injury, great bodily harm or death to a person. Beginning May 1, 2001, or sooner if the department of transportation's computer system can accommodate the change, the operating privilege of a person who is convicted of an OWI offense that does not involve injury, great bodily harm or death to a person will be revoked, rather than suspended. Both sanctions effectively prohibit a person from operating a motor vehicle.

This bill increases from nine months to twelve months the maximum amount of time a person's operating privilege may be suspended or, beginning on May 1, 2001, or sooner if DOT's computer can accommodate the change, revoked upon the person's first conviction for an OWI offense that does not result in injury, great bodily harm or death to a person. The minimum amount of time a person's operating privilege is suspended or revoked upon such a conviction remains six months.

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

