

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 279

April 3, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives RHOADES, LADWIG, STARZYK, MUSSER, JESKEWITZ, ALBERS and FREESE, cosponsored by Senator ROESSLER. Referred to Committee on Children and Families.

1 **AN ACT to create** 346.55 (5) and 346.56 (2m) of the statutes; **relating to:** leaving
2 an unattended or unsupervised child in a motor vehicle and providing
3 penalties.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits leaving a child under the age of six unattended or unsupervised in a motor vehicle for more than 15 minutes or, if the vehicle's engine is running or the child's health is endangered, for any period of time. The bill allows a child who is left unattended or unsupervised in a vehicle to be taken into protective physical custody. A person who violates the prohibition created in the bill is subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500.

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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 346.55 (5) of the statutes is created to read:
5 346.55 (5) (a) No person may leave a child under 6 years of age unattended or
6 unsupervised in a motor vehicle for longer than 15 minutes.

