

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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Judy Frydenlund:

I made this a preliminary draft, because I have 2 questions:

1. Under s. 943.20 (1) (e), stats., it is already a crime to fail to return rented property within 10 days of the due date. If the rented property is less than \$2,500 in value, the crime is a Class A misdemeanor, for which a person may be fined up to \$10,000 or imprisoned for up to 9 months or both. Section 943.20 (1) (e), stats., requires that there be a written rental agreement. I assume that most videotape rental businesses enter into written agreements with their customers, so s. 943.20 (1) (e), stats., probably applies to most instances of late return of a rented videotape. In light of s. 943.20 (1) (e), stats., do you want to create the Class D forfeiture for returning a videotape 5 days late?
2. Do you want to cover DVDs as well as videotapes?

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