

**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO 2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 334**

January 14, 2004 - Offered by COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS AND THE COURTS.

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 969.12 (1); and *to amend* 969.12 (2) of the statutes; **relating**  
2 **to:** sureties in criminal cases.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, a surety -- a person who guarantees the appearance at trial of a criminal defendant and who must pay any fine imposed if the defendant does not appear -- must either be a natural person who is a resident of the state or act as a surety through an automobile club, association, or insurance company. Current law also prohibits a surety from being compensated for acting as a surety.

This bill authorizes an insurer that is licensed to do business in this state to act as a surety. The bill also specifies that the prohibition on compensation for a surety does not apply to an insurer that is licensed to do business in this state or to a person acting as a surety through an automobile club, association, or insurance company.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 969.12 (1) of the statutes is repealed.

4 **SECTION 2.** 969.12 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

