

2003 SENATE BILL 182

May 29, 2003 – Introduced by Senators S. FITZGERALD, KANAVAS and ROESSLER, cosponsored by Representatives J. FITZGERALD, BIES, M. LEHMAN, MCCORMICK, POPE-ROBERTS and VAN ROY. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 347.50 (2m) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** safety belt use and
2 providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, no person may operate a motor vehicle that is required to be equipped with safety belts unless the operator is wearing a safety belt and the operator ensures that each passenger between four and fifteen years of age is wearing a safety belt or is otherwise properly restrained. A person who fails to comply with these requirements may be required to forfeit \$10. Further, each passenger who is four years of age or older is required to wear a safety belt or be otherwise properly restrained. A passenger who fails to comply with this requirement and is at least 16 years of age when the violation occurs may be required to forfeit \$10.

This bill increases the forfeiture for each violation from \$10 to \$50.

For further information see the *state* 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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 347.50 (2m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

