



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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| 2003 Senate Bill 51 | Senate Amendment 1 |
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Under current law, a circuit court or a municipal court may suspend a person's motor vehicle operating privilege for the failure to pay a forfeiture or specified assessments or for the failure to comply with a community service work order. This authority does not apply if, in a circuit court, a judgment was entered solely for violation of an ordinance unrelated to the violator's operation of a motor vehicle or if, in a municipal court, a forfeiture is assessed for violation of an ordinance that is unrelated to the violator's operation of a motor vehicle.

Senate Bill 51 amends current statutes to provide that a circuit court or a municipal court may suspend the operating privilege of any person because the person has not paid a forfeiture imposed for an ordinance violation unrelated to the operation of a motor vehicle.

Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 51 provides that a circuit court or a municipal court may suspend the operating privilege of a person who fails to pay forfeitures or assessments for an ordinance violation only when that ordinance is in conformity with state law. Further, when a person has had an operating privilege suspended, he or she may apply for an occupational license to operate a motor vehicle.

On January 8, 2004, the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy introduced and adopted Senate Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 5; and Noes, 0. On the same date, the committee recommended Senate Bill 51, as amended, for passage on a vote of Ayes, 3; and Noes, 2.

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