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#### ASSEMBLY BILL 149 (LRB -1484)

An Act to repeal 814.04 (6); and to amend 799.25 (10) (a) of the statutes; relating to: attorney fees in civil actions. 2005

03-03.	A.	introduced by Representatives Hundertmark, Krawczyk, Gronemus, Kerkman, Hann, Hines,	
		LeMahieu, Gunderson, Nass, Ballweg, Lehman, Vos, Townsend, Nischke, Van Roy, Petrowski,	
		McCormick, Ott, Albers, Vrakas, Molepske and Pridemore; cosponsored by Senators Grothman,	
		Stepp, Roessler, Lassa, Darling and Olsen.	
03-03.	A.	Read first time and referred to committee on Judiciary	104
03-17.	A.	Public hearing held.	
03-31.	A.	Executive action taken.	
04-07.	A.	Report passage recommended by committee on Judiciary, Ayes 5, Noes 2	
04-07.	A.	Referred to committee on Rules	
04-07.	A.	Made a special order of business at 11:06 A.M. on 4-12-2005 pursuant to Assembly Resolution 12	
04-07.	A.	Assembly substitute amendment 1 offered by Representative Kessler (LRB s0077)	
04-12.	A.	Read a second time	182
04-12.	A.	Placed on the calendar following Assembly BIII 277	182
04-12.	A.	Read a second time	
04-12.	A.	Assembly substitute amendment 2 offered by Representative Kessler (LRB s0083)	184
04-12.	A.	Assembly substitute amendment 2 adopted	184
04-12.	A.	Ordered to a third reading	184
04-12.	A.	Rules suspended	
04-12.	A.	Read a third time and passed, Ayes 85, Noes 13	184
04-12.	A.	Ordered immediately messaged	184
04-13.	S.	Received from Assembly	170
04-13.	S.	Read first time and referred to committee on Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy	
05-04.	S.	Public hearing held.	
05-09.	S.	Executive action taken.	
05-10.	S.	Report concurrence recommended by committee on Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy, Ayes 4, Noes 1.	202
05-10.	S.	Available for scheduling.	
09-27.	S.	Placed on calendar 9-28-2005 pursuant to Senate Rule 18(1).	
09-28.	S.	Read a second time.	
09-28.	S.	Senate substitute amendment 1 offered by Senator Risser (LRB f166).	
09-28.	S.	Senate substitute amendment 1 withdrawn and returned to author.	
09-28.	S.	Referred to committee on Senate Organization.	
09-28.	S.	Available for scheduling.	
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### SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,

#### **TO 2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 149**

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### Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, generally in civil actions the amount a prevailing party may recover in attorney fees is limited by law. If the amount recovered is greater than \$5,000, the attorney fees are \$500. If the amount recovered is from \$1,000 to \$5,000, the attorney fees are \$300. If the amount recovered is less than \$1,000, the attorney fees are \$100. If there is no specific amount recovered or if the action does not involve property, the attorney fees are \$300. Current law reduces these attorney fee awards by half if there is a default judgment or if the action is voluntarily dismissed by the adverse party.

This substitute amendment reduces the attorney fees by half when the action is caused to be brought in small claims court by a collection agency on behalf of a creditor and there is a default judgment or the action is voluntarily dismissed by the adverse party.

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

Section 1. 814.04 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:



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be one-half what they would have been had the matter been contested.
upon voluntary dismissal by the adverse party the costs taxed under sub. (1) shall
799 by a collection agency on behalf of a creditor and the judgment is by default or
814.04 <b>(6)</b> JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT. If <u>an action is caused to be brought under ch.</u>