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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Representative Richards

**From:** Peggy J. Hurley, Legislative Attorney, (608) 266-8906

**Subject:** Technical Memorandum to **2005 AB-358** (LRB 05-2015/1)

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We received the attached technical memorandum relating to your bill. This copy is for your information and your file. If you wish to discuss this memorandum or the necessity of revising your bill or preparing an amendment, please contact me.

# CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

STATE OF WISCONSIN

*Date:* 5/3/2005 *File Ref:*

*To:* Legislative Reference Bureau

*From:* Dennis Hughes  
Bureau of Transportation Safety, Division of State Patrol

*Subject:* Technical Note for AB 358

As currently drafted, AB-358 doubles forfeitures for certain speeding violations committed in first class cities. Current law already doubles forfeitures for certain speeding violations committed in highway maintenance or construction areas, utility work areas, and designated school zones. There are many of those areas within first class cities, and the relationship between the forfeiture doubling provisions is unclear. The bill should be amended to clarify whether those doubled forfeitures are doubled again if committed within first class cities, or whether a forfeiture should be doubled only once.

As currently drafted, AB-358 doubles forfeitures for exceeding the speed limit by "10 or more miles per hour." Wisconsin law enforcement officers use the Uniform State Traffic Deposit Schedule ('bond book') during traffic stops to determine the precise bond amount when issuing a citation. For speeding violations, the bond book stratifies forfeiture amounts by "1-10 mph over", "11-15 mph over", and so on. Amending AB-358 to double penalties for speeding offenses by "more than 10 miles per hour" or by "11 or more miles per hour" would simplify a law enforcement officer's task of applying the double forfeiture by making the penalty enhancer consistent with the bond book.

We appreciate your attention to these technical concerns.

WisDOT – DSP Dennis Hughes (608) 267-9075

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