



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 271
[2005 Assembly Bill 708]

**Lifetime Imprisonment for Certain
Repeat Sex Offenders**

Under current law, first-degree sexual assault is a Class B felony, punishable by imprisonment not to exceed 60 years (maximum of 40 years confinement in prison and 20 years extended supervision). Also under current law, if a person has one or more prior convictions for first-degree sexual assault or second-degree sexual assault and is subsequently convicted of such a sexual assault offense, the court must impose a sentence that includes a term of confinement in prison and may not place the defendant on probation. The term of confinement in prison may not be less than three years and six months and, for first-degree sexual assault, may not exceed 40 years.

2005 Wisconsin Act 271 provides that, if a person has one or more prior convictions for a violation of first-degree sexual assault, the *maximum* term of imprisonment for a violation of first-degree sexual assault is life imprisonment without the possibility of parole or extended supervision.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.