

**DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

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ARG:bjk:nwn

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ATTN: John Hogan

Please review the attached draft carefully to ensure that it is consistent with your intent.

The attached draft is based upon instructions received from the Milwaukee City Attorney's office, which asked that municipalities have discretion to determine for which violations they will have authority to tow and impound motor vehicles. Accordingly, the draft is pretty broad. A city could decide to give itself authority to tow and impound for any traffic violation. A defendant's liability for towing and storage costs arises upon issuance of the traffic ticket, not upon conviction, so the defendant is responsible for towing and storage costs even if the defendant is subsequently found not guilty of the underlying ordinance violation.

Please let me know if you would like any changes made to the attached draft or if you have any questions. If the attached draft meets with your approval, let me know and I will convert it to an introducible "/1" draft.

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