



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2007 Assembly Bill 618

Assembly Amendment 1

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Assembly Amendment 1 makes the following changes to the bill:

1. The **bill** requires that when a motor vehicle owned by a habitual parking violator is immobilized, a written notice be placed in a highly visible location and reasonably secure manner on the vehicle. Among other things, for each pertinent citation, the notice must include the date on which the citation was issued, the license number of the vehicle involved, the place where the citation may be paid, the amount of the forfeiture, and the means by which the citation may be contested. As an alternative, the notice may provide a telephone number at which an individual is available to provide the information 24-hours per day.

The **amendment** reduces the required notice information by requiring that the notice specify, for each pertinent citation, the license number of the vehicle involved, the place where the citation may be paid, and the means by which the citation may be contested. See item 1 of the amendment. (The telephone number alternative is retained.)

2. The **bill** requires that if a motor vehicle owned by a habitual parking violator is immobilized, the immobilization device must be removed or the owner must receive sufficient information to allow the owner to remove the device within three hours after the municipality, county, or third-party contractor receives notice that the person has satisfied the requirements for release of the vehicle. The **amendment** requires the municipal or county habitual parking violator ordinance to provide a procedure for the municipality, county, or third-party contractor to promptly receive notice when a person has satisfied those requirements. See item 3 of the amendment.
3. The **bill** provides that the owner of a motor vehicle that has been immobilized or impounded because the owner is a habitual parking violator may secure release of the vehicle either by paying any removal fees or towing and storage charges and the forfeitures for all the pertinent citations or by scheduling a court appearance in response to all the pertinent

citations. The *amendment* allows the owner to also secure release by a combination of paying forfeitures and scheduling court appearances for all the pertinent citations. See item 5 of the amendment.

Lgislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by the Assembly Committee on Urban and Local Affairs. The committee recommended adoption of the amendment by a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0, and passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 1.

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