2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 435

July 3, 2007 – Introduced by Representatives STASKUNAS, POPE-ROBERTS, A. OTT, J. OTT, TURNER, BERCEAU, BLACK, SHERIDAN, GOTTLIEB and ALBERS, cosponsored by Senators LEHMAN, MILLER, DARLING, ROESSLER and KEDZIE. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Ethics.

AN ACT to amend 346.65 (2) (g) 1., 346.65 (2) (g) 2. and 346.65 (2) (g) 3. of the statutes; relating to: drunken driving and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, drivers who are convicted of a third, fourth, fifth, or subsequent violation related to driving while intoxicated are subject to fines and terms of imprisonment. The amount of the fine and the length of imprisonment increase with each subsequent conviction. If a driver has an exceptionally high alcohol concentration at the time of his or her offense, any applicable fine is increased as follows:

1. If the person had an alcohol concentration of 0.17 to 0.199, the fine is doubled.
2. If a person had an alcohol concentration of 0.20 to 0.249, the fine is tripled.
3. If a person had an alcohol concentration at or above 0.25, the fine is quadrupled.

This bill applies the increased fines for having an exceptionally high alcohol concentration to people who commit a first or second violation related to driving while intoxicated.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:
SECTION 1. 346.65 (2) (g) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

346.65 (2) (g) 1. If a person convicted violator had an alcohol concentration of
0.17 to 0.199, the applicable minimum and maximum fines under par. (am) 3. to 5. are doubled.

SECTION 2. 346.65 (2) (g) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

346.65 (2) (g) 2. If a person convicted violator had an alcohol concentration of
0.20 to 0.249, the applicable minimum and maximum fines under par. (am) 3. to 5. are tripled.

SECTION 3. 346.65 (2) (g) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

346.65 (2) (g) 3. If a person convicted violator had an alcohol concentration of
0.25 or above, the applicable minimum and maximum fines under par. (am) 3. to 5. are quadrupled.

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