



2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 728

February 11, 2010 – Introduced by Representatives HRAYCHUCK, KAUFERT, HINTZ, KNODL, VAN ROY, TURNER, BIES, MOLEPSKE JR., CULLEN, SUDER, YOUNG, RIPP and MURSAU, cosponsored by Senators VINEHOUT, HOLPERIN, ERPENBACH, TAYLOR, COGGS, SCHULTZ and COWLES. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 85.55 of the statutes; **relating to:** the safe-ride grant program
2 administered by the Department of Transportation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Transportation administers a safe-ride grant program under which it may award grants to any county, municipality, or nonprofit corporation to cover the costs of transporting, from a bar or other retail-licensed premises to a residence, a person suspected of being too intoxicated to legally drive. The grant amount cannot exceed 50 percent of the costs necessary to provide this service.

This bill increases the permissible grant amount under the safe-ride grant program from 50 percent to 80 percent of the costs necessary to provide the service.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 85.55 of the statutes is amended to read:
4 **85.55 Safe-ride grant program.** The department may award grants to any
5 county or municipality or to any nonprofit corporation, as defined in s. 66.0129 (6)

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1 (b), to cover the costs of transporting persons suspected of having a prohibited alcohol
2 concentration, as defined in s. 340.01 (46m), from any premises licensed under ch.
3 125 to sell alcohol beverages to their places of residence. The amount of a grant under
4 this section may not exceed ~~50%~~ 80 percent of the costs necessary to provide the
5 service. The liability of a provider of a safe-ride program to persons transported
6 under the program is limited to the amounts required for an automobile liability
7 policy under s. 344.15 (1). Grants awarded under this section shall be paid from the
8 appropriation under s. 20.395 (5) (ek).

9 (END)