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PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS**

**2009-10**

(session year)

**Senate**

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

**Committee on ... Transportation, Tourism,  
Forestry, and Natural Resources (SC-TTFNR)**

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## Senate

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#### **Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources**

##### **Senate Bill 297**

Relating to: the immobilization or removal, impoundment, and disposal of motor vehicles for multiple nonmoving traffic violations.

By Senators Carpenter and Darling; cosponsored by Representatives Krusick, Gottlieb, Richards, Staskunas, Zepnick, Mursau, A. Ott, Stone, Townsend, Vos, Knodl and Turner.

September 16, 2009 Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

October 15, 2009 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (6) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Absent: (1) Senator Plale.

##### Appearances For

- Tim Carpenter — 3rd Senate District
- Shirley Krug — City of Milwaukee

##### Appearances Against

- None.

##### Appearances for Information Only

- None.

##### Registrations For

- John Richards — 19th Assembly District
- Brenda Wood — City of Milwaukee
- Ed Huck — Alliance of Cities
- Jeff Wiswell — WI Sheriffs & Deputy Sheriffs Association

##### Registrations Against

- None.

##### Registrations for Information Only

- None.

January 14, 2010 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Sullivan, seconded by Senator Holperin that **Senate Bill 297** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (6) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham and Kedzie.

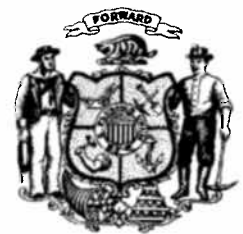
Noes: (1) Senator Grothman.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 1

Elizabeth Novak  
Committee Clerk



# WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



**Novak, Elizabeth**

**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 13, 2009 11:29 AM  
**To:** Novak, Elizabeth; Holperin, Jim  
**Subject:** SB 297, Public Hearing on October 15, 2009  
**Importance:** Low

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**From:** Curt Witynski [mailto:witynski@lwm-info.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 13, 2009 10:27 AM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin; Sen.Sullivan; Sen.Plale; Sen.Hansen; Sen.Grothman; Sen.Kedzie; Sen.Leibham  
**Cc:** Sen.Carpenter  
**Subject:** [Possible Spam] SB 297, Public Hearing on October 15, 2009  
**Importance:** Low

To: Senate Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry and Natural Resources  
From: Curt Witynski, Assistant Director, League of Wisconsin Municipalities - support  
Date: October 13, 2009  
Re: Support for SB 297, the Habitual Parking Violator Bill

The League of Wisconsin Municipalities supports SB 297, which is scheduled for a public hearing before the Senate Transportation Committee this Thursday. I'm unable to attend the hearing this Thursday because I'll be at the League's Annual Conference in Appleton.

We support SB 297 because it provides municipalities with an alternative method for the enforcement of multiple parking violations. It allows a municipality to adopt an ordinance providing for the immobilization with a "car boot", towing, impoundment, and disposal of vehicles owned by persons with three or more outstanding parking violations.

We urge you to recommend passage of SB 297. Thanks for considering our comments.

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Curt Witynski  
Assistant Director  
League of Wisconsin Municipalities  
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Madison, WI 53703

(608) 267-2380



Holperin, Jim

Liz: Place in bill jacket for the hearing.

**From:** Meinholz, Susan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2009 11:53 AM  
**To:** Holperin, Jim; Novak, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Emailing: Booting Bill.docx

**Attachments:** Booting Bill.docx



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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Mary Scanlan [mailto:MarySc@ci.green-bay.wi.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2009 10:24 AM  
**To:** Sen.Holperin  
**Subject:** Emailing: Booting Bill.docx

Good morning Senator Holperin:

On behalf of the City of Green Bay Parking System Division please support Assembly Bill 297 which will come up for vote on Thursday, October 15, 2009.

I have attached a letter outlining the needs of the importance of this bill for municipalities.

Thank you for your consideration

The message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:

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October 14, 2009

Senator Holperin  
State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53707-7882

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Dear Senator Holperin:

On behalf of the City of Green Bay, Parking System Division I am writing in support of Assembly Bill 297. In addition, I have been the treasurer for the Wisconsin Parking Association (WisPA), which is comprised of public and private sector parking facility owners and operators, parking consultants and parking equipment supplies throughout the State of Wisconsin. WisPA has forwarded a letter of support for Assembly Bill 297 on behalf of Wisconsin municipalities. On behalf of the City of Green Bay, Parking System Division, I am forwarding this letter in support of Assembly Bill 297.

Municipalities throughout the State share a common problem of issuing parking citations to vehicles whose owners refuse to pay. The current methods available to collect unpaid parking citations are insufficient and have limited usefulness.

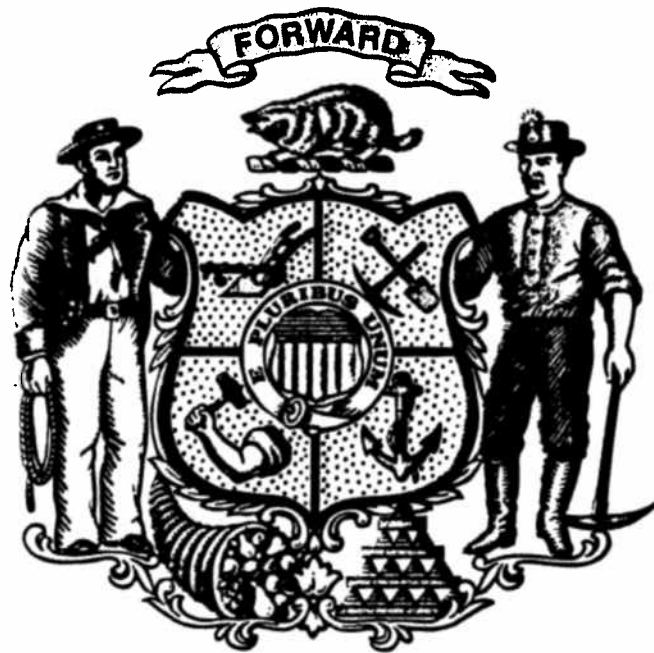
Assembly Bill 297 provides important tools that will assist municipalities throughout the State to collect millions of dollars of revenue for outstanding, unpaid parking citations. It enables municipalities to immobilize, remove, impound and dispose of vehicles that have three unpaid parking citations that are at least 28 days old, whether the vehicles are legally or illegally parked. Under current law, only illegally parked vehicles can be towed. Likewise, this legislation enables cities to boot vehicles for unpaid citations. Depending upon the type of program implemented by a municipality, booting may be less onerous and expensive to the vehicle owner. Therefore, any scofflaw, whether in-state or out-of-state, can be towed or booted if they park their vehicle in the public right-of-way.

For all the above reasons, on behalf of the City of Green Bay, Parking System Division, I strongly support the passage of Assembly Bill 297 and sincerely appreciate the support of all the sponsors of the bill to provide yet another tool to assist municipalities in the enforcement of parking regulations and in the collection of unpaid parking citations.

Sincerely,

Mary Scanlan, Supervisor  
City of Green Bay, Parking System Division  
519 South Oneida Street  
Green Bay, WI 54303  
920.676.1429 cell







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## **Senate Bill 297: Relating to the Immobilization or Removal, Impoundment and Disposal of Motor Vehicles for Nonmoving Traffic Violations (aka Parking Scofflaw Bill)**

### **Background**

SB 297 is the result of the City of Milwaukee Debt Reduction Task Force, chaired by Alderman Terry Witkowski. A number of recommendations emerged from the Task Force to assist the City in its efforts to collect millions of dollars of unpaid debt.

### **Goals**

- To improve collections from repeat parking scofflaws. Current parking ticket debt is \$63.6 million.
- To improve collection of parking ticket debt owed by out of state residents, estimated to be \$11.7 million.
- To collect or to schedule to adjudicate open citations on 110,875 license plates (in-state and out-of-state) that have 3 or more open citations 28 days overdue valued at \$32.9 million.
- To reduce the City's reliance on property taxes and intergovernmental aid.

### **Key Points**

SB 297 is permissive and authorizes communities to enact ordinances to allow for the towing or immobilization (booting) of illegally or legally parked cars with three or more unpaid parking tickets, issued more than 28 days prior to towing or booting, and for which the car owner has not made arrangements to pay the tickets.

The municipality or county must mail at least one notice to the owners last known address for each parking ticket owed describing the manner in which the ticket may be paid or contested and must include notice that the car may be towed or immobilized if there are three or more outstanding tickets over 28 days for which the owner has not made arrangements for payment.

A highly visible notice must be attached to the car if the vehicle is immobilized describing the reason for the device and that includes a phone number accessible 24 hours per day that details the fees owed for removal of the device. The owner may pay the fees associated with the boot and either pay the unpaid tickets or make arrangements for payment.

The bill also provides guidance for impoundment of the vehicle if the requirements are not satisfied in a timely manner.

\*Local governments may determine if the threshold to tow or boot legally parked cars should exceed three unpaid tickets.

\*Local governments may determine the process and fee required to release the immobilization devices.

\*Depending upon the specific booting program implemented by the local unit of government, booting may be less onerous and expensive than towing scofflaws.



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Boston  
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Dallas  
Denver  
Hoboken, NJ  
Houston  
Jersey City, NJ  
Los Angeles  
Louisville  
New Orleans  
Norwalk, CT  
Philadelphia  
Providence  
Richmond, VA  
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