



2011 SENATE BILL 379

January 17, 2012 – Introduced by Senators KEDZIE, C. LARSON and HANSEN, cosponsored by Representatives NASS, THIESFELDT, STASKUNAS, CRAIG, ENDSLEY and MARKLEIN. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Utilities, Commerce, and Government Operations.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 343.30 (7) of the statutes; **relating to:** purchasing or leasing
2 a motor vehicle after a violation relating to operating a motor vehicle while
3 intoxicated and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person who violates state law or a local ordinance prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant or with a prohibited blood alcohol concentration is subject to having his or her operating privileges suspended or revoked. The duration of the suspension or revocation generally depends upon how many times the person has violated the state law or local ordinance and ranges from six months to three years. A person's period of revocation may be doubled for certain violations.

This bill prohibits a person whose operating privileges have been suspended or revoked for a violation relating to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated from purchasing or leasing a motor vehicle while his or her operating privileges are suspended or revoked. Under the bill, if a person whose operating privileges have been suspended or revoked has an occupational license, that person may purchase or lease a motor vehicle as long as the occupational license is in effect. A person who purchases or leases a motor vehicle in violation of the prohibition is guilty of a Class I felony and subject to a fine of up to \$10,000, imprisonment of up to three years and six months, or both.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a

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report concerning the proposed penalty and the costs or savings that are likely to result if the bill is enacted.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1 **SECTION 1.** 343.30 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

2 343.30 (7) (a) A person whose license is suspended or revoked under sub. (1q)
3 or s. 343.305 (10) may not purchase or lease a motor vehicle while the suspension or
4 revocation is in effect. This subsection does not apply to a person who holds an
5 occupational license under s. 343.10.

6 (b) Any person who violates par. (a) is guilty of a Class I felony.

7 **(END)**