



State of Wisconsin
2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



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2011 SENATE BILL 217

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 344.26 (1); *to amend* 344.26 (title) and 344.27
2 (3); and *to create* 344.26 (1) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** suspension of
3 operating privilege or registration for unsatisfied judgment for damages
4 arising out of a motor vehicle accident.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

5 **SECTION 1.** 344.26 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 **344.26** (title) **Suspension to continue until after judgment paid and**
7 **proof of financial responsibility given for money damages.**

8 **SECTION 2.** 344.26 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 344.26 (1) (a) and amended
9 to read:

10 344.26 **(1)** (a) Subject to the exceptions stated in ss. 344.25 (2) and 344.27 (2),
11 any operating privilege or registration suspended or revoked under s. 344.25 shall

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1 remain suspended or revoked ~~until every~~ for 5 years from the date of entry of
2 judgment or until the judgment mentioned in s. 344.25 is stayed, satisfied, or
3 discharged, whichever is earlier, and, unless 3 years have elapsed since the date on
4 which the judgment was stayed, satisfied, or discharged or 8 years have elapsed since
5 the date of entry of judgment, whichever is earlier, or unless the person is a
6 nonresident, until the person whose operating privilege and registration was
7 suspended or revoked furnishes and maintains in effect proof of financial
8 responsibility for the future.

9 **SECTION 3.** 344.26 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

10 344.26 (1) (b) If suspension of any operating privilege or registration under s.
11 344.25 was terminated before 5 years from the date of entry of judgment because an
12 exception under s. 344.25 (2) or 344.27 (2) applied and the judgment debtor's
13 operating privilege or registration is subsequently suspended under s. 344.25 (2) or
14 344.27 (3), the operating privilege or registration shall remain suspended for all of
15 the following periods:

16 1. Five years from the date of suspension under s. 344.25 (2) or 344.27 (3) or
17 until the judgment is stayed, satisfied, or discharged, whichever is earlier. A
18 suspension period that commences on the date of suspension under s. 344.25 (2) or
19 344.27 (3) under this subdivision shall be reduced by the amount of time that the
20 judgment debtor's operating privilege or registration was suspended under s. 344.25
21 before one of the exceptions under s. 344.25 (2) or 344.27 (2) was satisfied.

22 2. Three years from the date on which the period under subd. 1. expires. The
23 suspension under this subdivision does not apply to a person who is a nonresident
24 or who furnishes and maintains in effect proof of financial responsibility for the
25 future.

