



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2011 Wisconsin Act 98
[2011 Assembly Bill 81]

Changing the Penalty for Fraudulent Use of a Disabled Parking Card

2011 Wisconsin Act 98 relates to special identification cards issued by the Department of Transportation (DOT), providing parking privileges for persons with physical disabilities and providing a penalty.

Wisconsin law provides that a person with a disability that limits or impairs the person's ability to walk may apply for and obtain from the DOT a special identification card (disabled parking card). A disabled parking card holder who sells or lends the card to someone that party knows is not authorized to use it, or uses a card that party is not authorized to use, is subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$50 and not more than \$300. A person or organization that fraudulently procures, makes, alters, reproduces, or duplicates a disabled parking card must forfeit not less than \$200 or more than \$500.

Act 98 revises the law by raising the forfeiture for fraudulent use of a disabled parking card, by someone who was not issued the card, to not less than \$200 and not more than \$500. The Act also provides that intent is not necessary to violate s. 343.52 (1) (b), Stats., which prohibits the unauthorized display of a disabled parking car. Additionally, the Act removes the intent element for the offense of selling a disabled parking card.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.