



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2011 Wisconsin Act 112**  
[2011 Senate Bill 217]

**Driver's License Suspension for  
Failure to Pay Judgment**

*Current law* provides that, upon receipt of a certified copy of a judgment for damages of \$500 or more arising out of a motor vehicle accident, the Secretary of Transportation must immediately suspend the operating privilege and all vehicle registrations (or the privilege to register a vehicle if none are registered) of the person against whom the judgment was rendered subject to several exceptions.

*2011 Wisconsin Act 112* modifies the amount of time such suspensions may remain in effect. Specifically, the Act provides that such a suspension remains in effect until both of the following occur:

- The judgment is stayed, satisfied, or discharged, or five years have elapsed since the date of entry of judgment.
- Unless the person against whom the judgment was rendered provides and maintains proof of financial responsibility, either three years have elapsed since the stay, satisfaction, or discharge of the judgment, or eight years have elapsed since the date of entry of judgment.

Prior to Act 112, such suspensions remained in effect as long as the judgment, which is 20 years.

**Effective date:** Act 112 took effect on December 21, 2011.

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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/>.