



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2011 Wisconsin Act 244
[2011 Senate Bill 423]

**Disqualification of Commercial
Motor Vehicle Operators**

Under *current law*, a person is disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) for 60 days if, within a three-year period, he or she is convicted of two serious traffic violations, and for 120 days if, within a three-year period, he or she is convicted of three serious traffic violations. “Serious traffic violation” is defined, for these purposes, as certain enumerated offenses committed while doing any of the following:

- Operating a CMV.
- Operating a non-CMV if the person has ever held a commercial driver’s license, has ever operated a CMV on a highway, or has ever been convicted of a violation related to, or been disqualified from, operating a CMV.

2011 Wisconsin Act 244 modifies the definition of “serious traffic violation” for the purposes of disqualifying an individual from operating a CMV. The bill specifies that a violation that occurs while the individual is operating a non-CMV is only a serious traffic violation if the offense results in revocation, cancellation, or suspension of the person’s operating privileges.

Effective date: This Act first applies to violations occurring on April 20, 2012.

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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/>.