

## State of Misconsin 2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE



## PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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AN ACT to repeal 66.1019 (3) (b) and 101.975 (3); to renumber and amend 66.1019 (3) (a), 704.17 (1) (b), 704.17 (5) and 943.14; to amend 20.505 (7) (h), 59.69 (4m), 60.64, 62.23 (7) (em), 66.0418 (title), 101.02 (7m), 349.13 (3m) (dr) 2., 349.13 (3m) (e) 1., 349.13 (3m) (e) 3., 704.17 (2) (b) and 704.19 (2) (b) 2.; and to create 19.84 (3m), 66.0104 (2) (e), 66.0104 (2) (f), 66.0104 (3) (c), 66.0418 (3), 66.0418 (4), 349.13 (3m) (dr) 3., 704.055, 704.17 (1) (b) 1., 704.17 (3m), 704.17 (5) (b) and 943.14 (1) of the statutes; relating to: terminating a tenancy for criminal activity or drug-related criminal activity; disposition of personal property left in rental property by a trespasser; required notice under the open meetings law; preexisting sprinkler ordinances that are stricter than the multifamily dwelling code; towing vehicles illegally parked on private property; terminating certain tenancies for breaches other than failure to pay rent; limitations on the authority of political subdivisions to regulate rental units.

historic properties, certain signs, and fire pits; creating a criminal penalty; and making an appropriation.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill authorizes a landlord to terminate the tenancy of a tenant based on criminal activity committed by the tenant or a member of the tenant's household; creates a right—to—cure for certain tenants for certain breaches; makes remaining on property without consent criminal trespass and provides for the disposition of personal property left in rental property by a trespasser; limits the authority of political subdivisions to regulate rental units, historic properties, certain signs, and certain outdoor fire pits; increases the length of time for giving notice of a meeting at which a local governmental body may consider the enactment, amendment, or repeal of an ordinance or resolution; eliminates a statutory exception for certain local ordinances having automatic sprinkler requirements that are stricter than the state multifamily dwelling code; and provides immunity from liability for a towing company that makes a good faith effort to notify law enforcement.

#### Terminating tenancies

Under current law, a tenant's tenancy may be terminated by the landlord for, among other things, nonpayment of rent, committing waste, or breaching a covenant or condition of the tenant's rental agreement, or if the property owner receives notice from a law enforcement agency or the office of the district attorney that a nuisance exists in the rental unit because the property is being used for drug-related purposes or criminal gang-related purposes. Under this bill, a landlord may terminate the tenancy of a tenant, without giving the tenant an opportunity to remedy the default, by giving the tenant notice if the tenant, a member of the tenant's household, or a guest or other invitee of the tenant or of a member of the tenant's household does any of the following: 1) engages in criminal activity that threatens the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other tenants; 2) engages in criminal activity that threatens the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of their residences by persons residing in the immediate vicinity of the premises; 3) engages in criminal activity that threatens the health or safety of the landlord or an agent or employee of the landlord; or 4) engages in drug-related criminal activity on or near the premises. It is not necessary that the individual committing the criminal activity or drug-related criminal activity has been arrested for or convicted of the criminal activity or drug-related criminal activity.

The notice that the landlord gives the tenant must require the tenant to vacate on or before a date at least five days after the giving of the notice and must specify the grounds for the landlord's action. The bill defines criminal activity as any act or behavior that is punishable in this state by a period of imprisonment. Drug-related criminal activity is defined as criminal activity that involves the manufacture, possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance, which is defined in current law.



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Under current law, a landlord may terminate the tenancy of a month—to—month tenant who commits waste, violates certain statutory tenant duties, or breaches a condition of the lease, other than by failing to pay rent (commits a qualifying breach) by providing the tenant with a notice that requires the tenant to vacate the premises within 14 days. Current law does not provide a landlord of a month—to—month or week—to—week tenant the option to terminate such a tenancy by providing a notice that requires the tenant to cure the qualifying breach or vacate the premises.

This bill creates a procedure for a landlord to terminate a month-to-month or week-to-week tenancy if 1) the tenant commits a qualifying breach and 2) the landlord provides the tenant with a notice that requires the tenant to cure the qualifying breach or vacate the premises and the tenant fails to comply with the notice. The procedure is identical to the procedure described below for a landlord of year-to-year tenant, except that if the tenant commits another qualifying breach within one year of receiving an initial notice, the landlord of a month-to-month or week-to-week tenant may terminate the tenancy by providing the tenant with a notice to vacate the premises within five days. This bill also applies the existing termination procedure for month-to-month tenancies to week-to-week tenancies.

Under current law, a landlord may terminate the tenancy of a year-to-year tenant or a tenant under a lease for a term of one year or less if 1) the tenant commits a qualifying breach and 2) the landlord provides the tenant with a notice that requires the tenant to cure the qualifying breach or vacate the premises and the tenant fails to comply with the notice. Current law specifies that a tenant may comply with the landlord's notice by taking reasonable steps to remedy the qualifying breach or by making a bona fide reasonable offer to pay the landlord all damages associated with the qualifying breach. Current law also provides that if the tenant commits another qualifying breach within one year of receiving such a notice, the landlord may terminate the tenant's tenancy by providing the tenant with a notice to vacate the premises within 14 days if the landlord provides the notice before the tenant cures the qualifying breach. This bill eliminates the condition that the landlord provide the subsequent notice to vacate before the tenant remedies the qualifying breach.

## Required notice under open meetings law

Currently under the open meetings law, public notice of every meeting of a governmental body must be given at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting unless for good cause such notice is impossible or impractical, in which case shorter notice may be given, but in no case may the notice be provided less than two hours in advance of the meeting.

This bill provides that, notwithstanding this notice requirement under current law, before a governmental body may consider any matter involving the enactment, adoption, amendment, or repeal of any local government ordinance or resolution at a meeting of that body, it must give public notice of such consideration at least 14 days prior to the commencement of the meeting. The bill provides, however, that notice of matters to which the 14-day notice requirement in the bill applies may be given separately from and prior to matters to which the requirement does not apply.

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## $m{\hat{L}ocal}$ government

Under current law, a city, village, town, or county (political subdivision) may regulate places, structures, or objects with special character, historic interest, aesthetic interest, or other significant value. A political subdivision may also designate historic landmarks and establish historic districts and may regulate the historic landmarks or the properties within a historic district for historic preservation purposes.

Under this bill, a political subdivision may not designate a property as a historic landmark without the consent of the owner. Also under this bill, when acting under its historic preservation authority, a political subdivision may not require or prohibit any action by an owner of a property without the consent of the owner.

This bill also limits the authority of political subdivisions in several respects including:

1. Political subdivisions may not enact an ordinance that requires that a rental unit be inspected without a showing of good cause or be certified or registered

2. Political subdivisions may not impose an occupancy fee on a rental unit.

4.3. Political subdivisions may not impose a requirement or restriction on a sign advertising real estate for lease that is not also imposed on a sign advertising real all signs (estate for sale)

Political subdivisions may not prohibit or regulate the placement, installation, or use of an outdoor fire pitsthat was lawfully installed before the effective date of this bill. Lcertain

## Automatic sprinklers in multifamily dwellings

Under current law, the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) administers the multifamily dwelling code, including requirements concerning automatic sprinklers. Currently, a city, village, or town generally may not enact or enforce an ordinance that does not conform to the multifamily dwelling code or that is contrary to an order of DSPS enforcing the multifamily dwelling code, except that certain preexisting sprinkler ordinances that are stricter than the multifamily dwelling code may remain in effect.

This bill repeals that exception for preexisting stricter sprinkler ordinances. The bill also provides that any contract between a city, village, or town pursuant to such an ordinance is unenforceable.

## Towing vehicles from private property

Under current law, before any vehicle is removed from private property by a towing service, the towing service must notify a local law enforcement agency of the make, model, vehicle identification number, and registration plate number of the vehicle and the location to which the vehicle will be removed. A towing service that fails to comply with this requirement may not collect any charges for the removal and storage of the vehicle. Under this bill, a towing service that makes a good faith effort to comply with the notification requirement may collect charges for the removal and storage of the vehicle and is immune from liability from any claim arising from a failure to comply with the requirement.

Under current law, the Department of Transportation is required to promulgate rules establishing reasonable charges for removal of vehicles from private property

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and guidelines for notifying law enforcement. Under this bill, these charges and guidelines apply only when no citation was issued.

#### Trespass

Under current law, a person who enters into the dwelling of another without the permission of a person who is lawfully on the premises may be guilty of criminal trespass to a dwelling, a Class A misdemeanor. Under the bill, a person may be guilty of criminal trespass to a dwelling if he or she enters or remains in a dwelling without the permission of a person who is lawfully on the premises, regardless of whether the dwelling is currently occupied.

## Disposing of personal property left by trespasser

Current law does not address what happens to the personal property of a trespasser that is left behind after the trespasser leaves or is removed from rental property. This bill provides that, after a trespasser leaves or is removed from rental property, a landlord must hold any personal property left by the trespasser for seven days, during which time the trespasser may request its return. After that time, the landlord may dispose of the personal property in any manner that the landlord determines is appropriate.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

**Section 1.** 19.84 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

19.84 (3m) Notwithstanding sub. (3), before a governmental body may consider any matter involving the enactment, adoption, amendment, or repeal of any local government ordinance or resolution at a meeting of that body, it shall give public notice of such consideration at least 14 days prior to the commencement of the meeting. Notice of matters to which this subsection applies may be given separately from and prior to matters to which this subsection does not apply.

\*\*\*\*Note: As written, this would cover "any matter involving..." a change to an ordinance or resolution, regardless of the subject of the ordinance or resolution or the nature of the body that is meeting about it, so if this seems potentially too broad, let me know.

\*\*\*\*NOTE: As written, this would require notice of the consideration of an ordinance change to be given at least 2 weeks out, but other items on the agenda would *not* be subject to this requirement and could receive shorter notice. As such, I added a sentence to make this clear. Let me know if this was not the intent.

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real estate trust accounts under s. 452.13 for grants under s. 16.307, and all moneys

received under s. ss. 704.05(5)(a) 2. and 704.055(2)(b), for grants to agencies and

shelter facilities for homeless individuals and families under s. 16.308 (2) (a) and (b).

police powers for the purpose of promoting the health, safety and general welfare of

the community and of the state, may regulate by ordinance any place, structure or

object with a special character, historic interest, aesthetic interest or other

significant value, for the purpose of preserving the place, structure or object and its

significant characteristics. The county may create a landmarks commission to

designate historic landmarks and establish historic districts. The county may

regulate all historic landmarks and all property within each historic district to

preserve the historic landmarks and property within the district and the character

of the district. A county may not designate a property as a historic landmark without

the consent of the owner. When acting under this subsection, a county may not

require or prohibit any action by an owner of a property without the consent of the

59.69 (4m) HISTORIC PRESERVATION. A county, as an exercise of its zoning and

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**Section 2.** 20.505 (7) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

**SECTION 3.** 59.69 (4m) of the statutes is amended to read:

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60.64 Historic preservation. The town board, in the exercise of its zoning

and police powers for the purpose of promoting the health, safety and general welfare

of the community and of the state, may regulate any place, structure or object with

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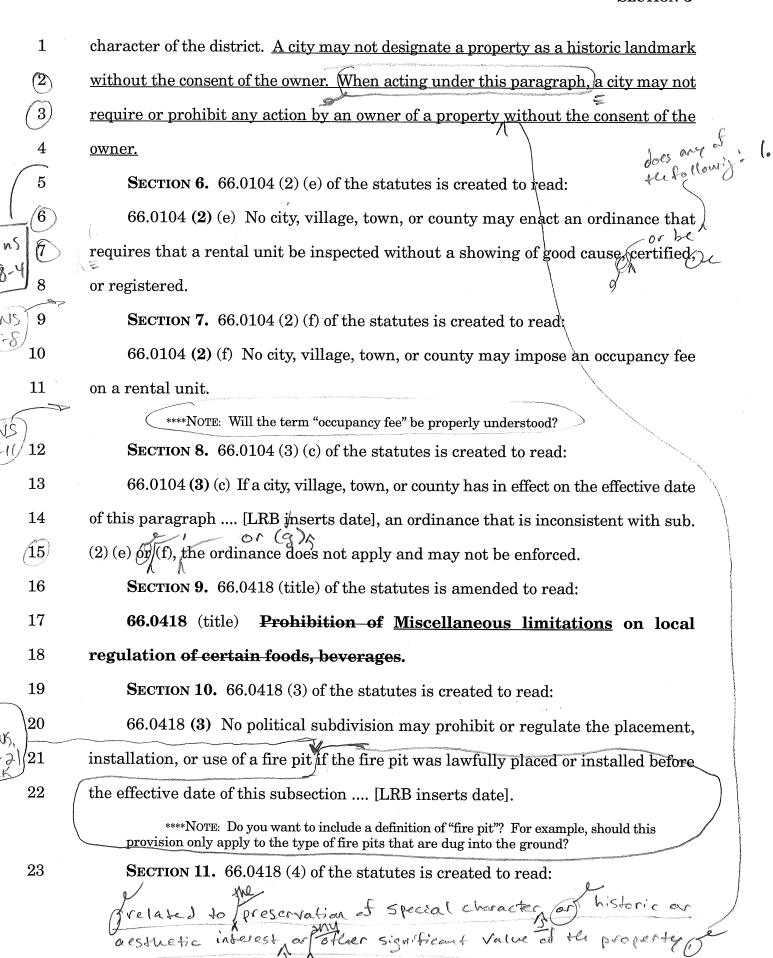
**SECTION 4.** 60.64 of the statutes is amended to read:

a special character, historic interest, aesthetic interest or other significant value for the purpose of preserving the place, structure or object and its significant characteristics. The town board may create a landmarks commission to designate historic landmarks and establish historic districts. The board may regulate all historic landmarks and all property within each historic district to preserve the historic landmarks and property within the district and the character of the district. The town board may not designate a property as a historic landmark without the consent of the owner. When acting under this section, the town board may not require or prohibit any action by an owner of a property without the consent of the owner.

**Section 5.** 62.23 (7) (em) of the statutes is amended to read:

62.23 (7) (em) Historic preservation. A city, as an exercise of its zoning and police powers for the purpose of promoting the health, safety and general welfare of the community and of the state, may regulate by ordinance, or if a city contains any property that is listed on the national register of historic places in Wisconsin or the state register of historic places shall, not later than 1995, enact an ordinance to regulate, any place, structure or object with a special character, historic, archaeological or aesthetic interest, or other significant value, for the purpose of preserving the place, structure or object and its significant characteristics. A city may create a landmarks commission to designate historic or archaeological landmarks and establish historic districts. The city may regulate, or if the city contains any property that is listed on the national register of historic places in Wisconsin or the state register of historic places shall regulate, all historic or archaeological landmarks and all property within each historic district to preserve the historic or archaeological landmarks and property within the district and the

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1	66.0418 (4) No political subdivision may impose a restriction or requirement
2	on a sign advertising real estate for lease that it does not also impose on a sign
(3)	(advertising real estate for sale)
4	<b>SECTION 12.</b> 66.1019 (3) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 66.1019 (3) and
5	amended to read:
6	66.1019 (3) Except as provided in par. (b), any Any ordinance enacted by a
7	county, city, village or town relating to the construction or inspection of multifamily
8	dwellings, as defined in s. 101.971 (2), shall conform to subch. VI of ch. 101 and s.
9	101.02 (7m).
10	Section 13. 66.1019 (3) (b) of the statutes is repealed.
11	Section 14. 101.02 (7m) of the statutes is amended to read:
12	101.02 (7m) Notwithstanding sub. (7) (a), no city, village, or town may make
13	or enforce any ordinance that is applied to any multifamily dwelling, as defined in
14	s. 101.971 (2), and that does not conform to subch. VI and this section or is contrary
15	to an order of the department under this subchapter, except that if a city, village or
16	town has a preexisting stricter sprinkler ordinance, as defined in s. 101.975 (3) (a),
17	that ordinance remains in effect, except that the city, village or town may take any
18	action with regard to that ordinance that a political subdivision may take under s.
19	101.975 (3) (b). Any contract between a city, village, or town and a property owner

Section 15. 101.975 (3) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 16. 349.13 (3m) (dr) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

order of the department under this subchapter is void and unenforceable.

of a multifamily dwelling that requires the property owner to comply with an

ordinance that does not conform to subch. VI and this section or is contrary to an

1	349.13 (3m) (dr) 2. A towing service may not collect any charges for the removal
2	or storage of an illegally parked vehicle under this subsection if unless the towing
3	service has not complied made a good faith effort to comply with par. (d) 2. with
4	respect to the vehicle.
5	SECTION 17. 349.13 (3m) (dr) 3. of the statutes is created to read:
6	349.13 (3m) (dr) 3. A towing service that made a good faith effort to comply with
7	par. (d) 2. shall be immune from liability for any claim arising from a failure to comply
8	with par. (d) 2.
9	SECTION 18. 349.13 (3m) (e) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:
10	349.13 (3m) (e) 1. Reasonable charges for removal and storage of vehicles
11	under this subsection when no citation has been issued.
12	SECTION 19. 349.13 (3m) (e) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:
13	349.13 (3m) (e) 3. Guidelines for towing services to notify law enforcement
14	under par. (d) upon removal of a vehicle when no citation has been issued.
15	Section 20. 704.055 of the statutes is created to read:
16	704.055 Disposition of personalty left by trespasser. (1) Definition. In
17	this section, "trespasser" means a person who is not a tenant who enters or remains
18	in rental property without the consent of the landlord or another person lawfully on
19	the property.
20	(2) At the Landlord's discretion. (a) If a trespasser is removed or otherwise
21	removes from rental property and leaves personal property, the landlord shall hold
22	the personal property for 7 days from the date on which the landlord discovers the
23	personal property. After that time, the landlord may presume that the trespasser
24	has abandoned the personal property and may dispose of the personal property in

any manner that the landlord, in the landlord's sole discretion, determines is

appropriate but shall promptly return the personal property to the trespasser if the landlord receives a request for its return before the landlord disposes of it.

\*\*\*\*NOTE: Would you prefer to limit this provision to someone trespassing on *residential* rental property or trespassing in a dwelling or dwelling unit?

- (b) If the landlord disposes of the abandoned personal property by private or public sale, the landlord may send the proceeds of the sale minus any costs of sale and, if the landlord has first stored the personal property, minus any storage charges to the department of administration for deposit in the appropriation under s. 20.505 (7) (h).
- (3) RIGHTS OF 3RD PERSONS. The landlord's power to dispose as provided by this section applies to any personal property left on the landlord's property by the trespasser, whether owned by the trespasser or by others. The power to dispose under this section applies notwithstanding any rights of others existing under any claim of ownership or security interest. The trespasser, other owner, or any secured party has the right to redeem the personal property at any time before the landlord has disposed of it or entered into a contract for its disposition by payment of any expenses that the landlord has incurred with respect to the disposition of the personal property.
- **SECTION 21.** 704.17 (1) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 704.17 (1) (b) (intro.) and amended to read:

704.17 (1) (b) (intro.) If a month-to-month <u>or a week-to-week</u> tenant commits waste or a material violation of s. 704.07 (3) or breaches any covenant or condition of the tenant's agreement, other than for payment of rent, the tenancy can be terminated if the landlord gives <u>any of the following applies:</u>

2. The landlord gives the tenant notice requiring the tenant to vacate on or before a date at least 14 days after the giving of the notice.

**Section 22.** 704.17 (1) (b) 1. of the statutes is created to read:

704.17 (1) (b) 1. The landlord gives the tenant a notice that requires the tenant to either remedy the default or vacate the premises no later than a date at least 5 days after the giving of the notice, and the tenant fails to comply with the notice. A tenant is considered to be complying with the notice if promptly upon receipt of the notice the tenant takes reasonable steps to remedy the default and proceeds with reasonable diligence, or if damages are adequate protection for the landlord and the tenant makes a bona fide and reasonable offer to pay the landlord all damages for the tenant's breach. If, within one year from receiving of a notice under this subdivision, the tenant again commits waste or breaches the same or any other covenant or condition of the tenant's rental agreement, other than for payment of rent, the tenant's tenancy is terminated if the landlord gives the tenant notice to vacate on or before a date at least 5 days after the giving of the notice.

**Section 23.** 704.17 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

704.17 (2) (b) If a tenant under a lease for a term of one year or less, or a year-to-year tenant, commits waste or a material violation of s. 704.07 (3) or breaches any covenant or condition of the tenant's lease, other than for payment of rent, the tenant's tenancy is terminated if the landlord gives the tenant a notice requiring the tenant to remedy the default or vacate the premises on or before a date at least 5 days after the giving of the notice, and if the tenant fails to comply with such notice. A tenant is deemed to be complying with the notice if promptly upon receipt of such notice the tenant takes reasonable steps to remedy the default and proceeds with reasonable diligence, or if damages are adequate protection for the landlord and

- the tenant makes a bona fide and reasonable offer to pay the landlord all damages for the tenant's breach. If within one year from the giving of any such notice, the tenant again commits waste or breaches the same or any other covenant or condition of the tenant's lease, other than for payment of rent, the tenant's tenancy is terminated if the landlord, prior to the tenant's remedying the waste or breach, gives the tenant notice to vacate on or before a date at least 14 days after the giving of the notice.
  - **Section 24.** 704.17 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:
- 704.17 (3m) CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. (a) In this subsection:
  - 1. "Criminal activity" means any act or behavior committed by a person that is punishable in this state by a period of imprisonment.
  - 2. "Drug-related criminal activity" means criminal activity that involves the manufacture, possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance, as defined in s. 961.01 (4).
  - (b) 1. Notwithstanding subs. (1) (b), (2) (b), and (3) (a), a landlord may, upon notice to the tenant, terminate the tenancy of a tenant, without giving the tenant an opportunity to remedy the default, if the tenant, a member of the tenant's household, or a guest or other invitee of the tenant or of a member of the tenant's household engages in any criminal activity that threatens the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other tenants; engages in any criminal activity that threatens the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of their residences by persons residing in the immediate vicinity of the premises; engages in any criminal activity that threatens the health or safety of the landlord or an agent or employee of the landlord; or engages in any drug-related criminal activity on or near the premises. The notice shall require the tenant to vacate on or before a date at least

	5 days after the giving of the notice and shall specify the grounds for the landlord's
	2 action.
,	2. To terminate a tenancy under this subsection, it is not necessary that the
4	individual committing the criminal activity or drug-related criminal activity has
į	been arrested for or convicted of the criminal activity or drug-related criminal
(	3 activity.
,	SECTION 25. 704.17 (5) of the statutes is renumbered 704.17 (5) (a) and
8	3 amended to read:
ç	704.17 (5) (a) Provisions in the lease or rental agreement for termination
10	contrary to this section sub. $(1)$ , $(2)$ , or $(3)$ are invalid except in leases for more than
1.	one year.
12	Section 26. 704.17 (5) (b) of the statutes is created to read:
13	704.17 (5) (b) Provisions in the lease or rental agreement for termination
14	contrary to sub. (3m) are invalid.
15	SECTION 27. 704.19 (2) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:
16	704.19 (2) (b) 2. Notwithstanding subd. 1., nothing in this section prevents
17	termination of a tenancy before the end of a rental period because of an imminent
18	threat of serious physical harm, as provided in s. 704.16, or for criminal activity or
/19	drug-related criminal activity, nonpayment of rent, or breach of any other condition
20	of the tenancy, as provided in s. 704.17.
21	SECTION 28. 943.14 of the statutes is renumbered 943.14 (2) and amended to
22	read:
23	943.14 (2) Whoever intentionally enters or remains in the dwelling of another
24	without the consent of some person lawfully upon the premises, under circumstances

tending to create or provoke a breach of the peace, is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

	Section 20. 340.14 (1) of the statutes is created to read.
2	943.14 (1) In this section, "dwelling" has the meaning given in s. 30.1335 (1)
3	(h). For the purposes of this section, a dwelling meets that definition regardless of
4	whether the dwelling is currently occupied by a resident.
5	Section 30. Initial applicability.
6	(1) The treatment of sections 704.17 (3m) and 704.19 (2) (b) 2. of the statutes
7	first applies to criminal activities or drug-related criminal activities that are
8	committed on the effective date of this subsection.
9	(2) The creation of section 704.17 (5) (b) of the statutes first applies to leases
LO	and rental agreements that are entered into or renewed on the effective date of this
11	subsection.
12	(END)

#### 2015–2016 DRAFTING INSERT FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

1	INSERT 14.20:
2	SECTION 1. 800.035 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
3	800.035 (1) A defendant may make an initial appearance in person or by
4	submitting a written response to the citation or complaint except when the judge has
5	required an appearance under s. 800.02 (2) (ag) 4. For the purposes of this section,
6	if a defendant is a limited liability company, the defendant appears in person if the
7	appearance is by a member, as defined in s. 183.0102 (15), or by an agent or
8	authorized employee of the defendant, or by an agent of the member or an authorized
9	employee of the agent.

History: 2009 a. 402 ss. 19, 72, 76, 79 to 82; 2011 a. 260 s. 80; Sup. Ct. Order No. 13–10, 2014 WI 45, filed 6–27–14, eff. 1–1–15.

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2. Apolitical subdivision may not charge a fee for an inspection other than an inspection based on a complaint from a tenant alleging a violation of the local housing code.

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Apolitical subdivision may not enact an ordinance that requires a landlord to obtain a license, certification, or registration in order to own, manage, or operate a residential rental property unless the ordinance applies to all residential properties, including owner-occupied properties.

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**Section 1.** 66.0102 of the statutes is created to read:

10 Meeting notices. Notwithstanding s. 19.84 (3), before a 66.0102 11 governmental body, as defined in s. 19.82 (1), may consider any matter involving the 12 enactment, adoption, amendment, or repeal of any local government ordinance or 13 resolution at a meeting of that body, it shall give public notice of such consideration 14 at least 14 days prior to the commencement of the meeting. Public notice of matters to which this section applies may be given separately from and prior to matters to 15 which this section does not apply, but shall otherwise be govererned by s. 19.84. 16

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1	2. Charge a fee for conducting an inspection other than an inspection based on
2	a complaint from a tenant alleging a violation of the local housing code of the city,
3	village, town, or county.
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7	<b>SECTION 2.</b> 66.0104 (2) (g) of the statutes is created to read:
8	66.0104 (2) (g) No city, village, town, or county may enact an ordinance that
9	requires a landlord to obtain a license, certification, or registration in order to own,
10	manage, or operate a residential rental property unless the ordinance applies to all
11	residential properties, including owner-occupied properties.

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1	that meets all of the following requirements:
2	(a) It was lawfully placed or installed before the effective date of this subdivision [LRB inserts date].
4	(b) It has a total fuel burning area of less than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in
5	height.
6	(c) It is surrounded by a fire barrier of noncombustible material that is at least
7	6 inches in height.
8	(d) It is not used within 25 feet of a structure or other combustible material.
9	(e) It burns only materials approved by the political subdivision.  ****Note: Subdivisions 2. to 5 above are based on requirements for conducting a "recreational fire" in Minneapolis. Do these requirements meet your intent?
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# Memo

To:

Drafters of LRB-3011

From:

PJK

Subject:

Redraft instructions

Date:

Oct. 29, 2015

We have some redraft instructions from Chris Schaefer (in collaboration with Rob Kovach) for a P4. Please call Chris (7–2369) if you need clarification.

- 71. Mike D., please call Chris re. an addition to Section 5 on page 8.
- 2. Eric, please call Chris re. some changes to Sections 7 and 8 on page

  8. no transfer of trancy fee

  add "uniformly" at p. 8. de 20 + reward provision
- 3. Robin, they want to delete Sections 10 and 11 on page 9.
- 4. Zach, they want to delete Section 18 on page 10.
- Krista, they *do* want to limit s. 704.055 on page 11 to residential rental property.
  - Fern, on page 12, lines 16 and 17, they want to change "the tenancy can be terminated if" to "the tenancy is terminated when". Also, in Sections 22 and 23, they would like the notices to be sent by registered or certified mail (see s. 704.21 (1) (d)). (I'm thinking they may want this to apply to more than just those two Sections, but that's all Chris indicated.)
- In Section 25, they want an exception for a tenant who is the victim of the crime.
  - 2. Peggy, on page 15, line 24, they want to add "or the owner of the premises," after "some person lawfully upon the premises".
  - 9. Peggy and Krista, in Section 30 on page 15 (I'm not sure where it it is makes the most sense for this to go, but that is where they placed it),

Called Chris to explain that SECTION 10 needs to be retained . He will review a call me back, -RNK

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they want to require the sheriff to immediately remove the trespasser. This may require a call to Chris.

10. Eric, attached is a new item re. municipal utilities.

The file guts are in the PA area; the electronic draft is in editing.

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Vill hold off for now. Pam:

Here is the information regarding the Public Service Commission's municipal utilities deferred payments that we wanted to have added to the Landlord-Tenant omnibus:

The changes made by Act 274 are not self-implementing and the Commission has oversight in this implementation pursuant to s.196.19 and 196.20. These statutes were not changed by Act 274. Further, the Commission has, through its order, reaffirmed its role as it relates to the implementation of Act 274 and specifically as it relates to the option for municipal utilities to no longer offer deferred payment agreements to tenants. See: <a href="http://psc.wi.gov/apps35/ERF">http://psc.wi.gov/apps35/ERF</a> view/viewdoc.aspx?docid=215095.

Here is a short explanation as to why Act 274 is not self-implementing and why the Commission's processes are statutorily required and necessary:

- 1. The Act makes it optional, not mandatory for municipal utilities to decline to offer DPAs to tenants. So, some affirmative steps must be taken by the utility if it is going to make that election.
- 2. Wisconsin statute s.196.19(2) provides that "every public utility shall file with and as part of such schedule all rules and regulations that, in the judgment of the commission, in any manner affect the service or product." Offering or not offering DPAs affects service.
- 3. Wisconsin statute s. 196.20(1) provides "the rate schedules of any public utility shall include any rules applicable to the rendition or discontinuance of service to which the rates specified in the schedule are applicable." Further, the statute provides that "no change may be made by any public utility in its schedules except by filing the change as proposed with the Commission." All public utilities have tariffs on file that detail and provide notice to their customers as to what the terms of service are. While the language may differ, the vast majority of tariffs currently on file prior to Act 274 either explicitly provided or through reference to a commission rule that mandated they offer DPAs to all tenants.
- 4. The fact that Act 274 no longer requires DPAs to be offered does not change the fact that, if the utility still wants to offer DPAs they can.

This information can be added wherever you believe it best fits in the legislation.

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#### Kahler, Pam

From:

Schaefer, Christopher

Sent:

Thursday, October 29, 2015 2:49 PM

To:

Kahler, Pam

Subject:

RE: Landlord tenant changes

I will give you a call.

Mr. Christopher Schaefer, M.A. Legislative Assistant, Office of Representative Rob Brooks 60<sup>th</sup> Assembly District (608) 267-2369 Christopher.Schaefer@legis.wisconsin.gov

From: Kahler, Pam

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 2:48 PM

To: Schaefer, Christopher < Christopher. Schaefer@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: RE: Landlord tenant changes

Which provisions are involved (in case I'm not the drafter of those provisions)?

From: Schaefer, Christopher

Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 2:29 PM

To: Kahler, Pam < Pam.Kahler@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Landlord tenant changes

Pam:

I was wondering if you had time this afternoon to stop by our office, 107 West, to discuss initial revisions to the landlord tenant omnibus bill?

Mr. Christopher Schaefer, M.A.
Legislative Assistant,
Office of Representative Rob Brooks
60th Assembly District
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Peggy,

Here is the information I promised to send you, per our phone conversation. If you have any additional questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

First, I am not aware of any appellate court cases on this subject, since such a case would be an unlikely candidate for an appeal. Therefore, the case history for these types of circumstances is more anecdotal, since it basically arises in the Circuit Court, and those cases are not published in any way.

Therefore, to "start at the beginning", these cases arise when an unauthorized occupant (one or more) takes up residency in a property, without permission from either the property owner or the current or former tenant. Given that the occupancy is without consent from anyone authorized to grant it, I would generically put those folks in the category of squatter.

When this occurs, property owners often contact their attorneys, saying that this circumstance exists, and that they are going to call their local police department to get the person removed from the premises. Attorneys frequently inform the property owners or landlords that they can certainly make that call, but that they should expect to be told by the police that have a civil matter, not a police matter, and that they have to go to Court to get the situation resolved. This response then necessitates a notice of default from the property owner to the **authorized** occupant, due to there being an unauthorized occupant in the property. Then, assuming the Squatter does not vacate within the notice period, an eviction must thereafter be filed.

Needless to say, although the eviction process has been streamlined, it is still a slow process in the context of an unauthorized person residing in someone's premises without consent, screening, etc. Therefore, it would be extremely helpful to create a statute within the trespass law that carefully defines who is a squatter, and then directs the police to remove them. There could certainly be protections within the law that would allow the squatter a specified number of days within which to remove their personal property from the premises, after which time it should be able to be disposed of by the landlord, similar to the language in Wis. Stat. s. 704.05(5).

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## State of Misconsin 2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE



## PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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AN ACT to repeal 66.1019 (3) (b) and 101.975 (3); to renumber and amend 66.1019 (3) (a), 704.17 (1) (b), 704.17 (5) and 943.14; to amend 20.505 (7) (h), 59.69 (4m), 60.64, 62.23 (7) (em), 66.0418 (title), 101.02 (7m), 349.13 (3m) (dr) 2., 349.13 (3m) (e) 1., 349.13 (3m) (e) 3., 704.17 (2) (b), 704.19 (2) (b) 2. and 800.035 (1); and to create 66.0102, 66.0104 (2) (e), 66.0104 (2) (f), 66.0104 (2) (g), 66.0104 (3) (c), 66.0418 (3), 66.0418 (4), 349.13 (3m) (dr) 3., 704.055, 704.17 (1) (b) 1., 704.17 (3m), 704.17 (5) (b) and 943.14 (1) of the statutes; relating to: terminating a tenancy for criminal activity or drug—related criminal activity; disposition of personal property left in rental property by a trespasser; required notice for meetings involving ordinance modifications; preexisting sprinkler ordinances that are stricter than the multifamily dwelling code; towing vehicles illegally parked on private property; terminating certain tenancies for breaches other than failure to pay rent; limitations on the authority of political

subdivisions to regulate rental units, historic properties, signs, and fire pits,

creating a criminal penalty; and making an appropriation.

#### Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates a right—to—cure for certain tenants for certain breaches; makes remaining on property without consent criminal trespass and provides for the disposition of personal property left in rental property by a trespasser; authorizes a landlord to terminate the tenancy of a tenant based on criminal activity committed by the tenant or a member of the tenant's household; limits the authority of political subdivisions to regulate rental units, historic properties, signs, and certain outdoor fire pits; increases the length of time for giving notice of a meeting at which a local governmental body may consider the enactment, amendment, or repeal of an ordinance or resolution; eliminates a statutory exception for certain local ordinances having automatic sprinkler requirements that are stricter than the state multifamily dwelling code; and provides immunity from liability for a towing company that makes a good faith effort to notify law enforcement.

#### Local government

Currently under the open meetings law, public notice of every meeting of a governmental body must be given at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting unless for good cause such notice is impossible or impractical, in which case shorter notice may be given, but in no case may the notice be provided less than two hours in advance of the meeting.

This bill provides that, notwithstanding this notice requirement under current law, before a governmental body may consider any matter involving the enactment, adoption, amendment, or repeal of any local government ordinance or resolution at a meeting of that body, it must give public notice of such consideration at least 14 days prior to the commencement of the meeting. The bill provides, however, that notice of matters to which the 14-day notice requirement in the bill applies may be given separately from and prior to matters to which the requirement does not apply.

Under current law, a city, village, town, or county (political subdivision) may regulate places, structures, or objects with special character, historic interest, aesthetic interest, or other significant value. A political subdivision may also designate historic landmarks and establish historic districts and may regulate the historic landmarks or the properties within a historic district for historic preservation purposes.

Under this bill, a political subdivision may not designate a property as a historic landmark without the consent of the owner. Also under this bill, a political subdivision may not require or prohibit any action by an owner of a property related to preservation of the historic or aesthetic value of the property without the consent of the owner.

This bill also limits the authority of political subdivisions in several respects including:



- 1. Political subdivisions may not enact an ordinance that requires that a rental unit be inspected without a showing of good cause or be certified or registered
- 2. Political subdivisions may not charge a fee for an inspection other than an inspection based on a complaint from a tenant alleging a violation of the local housing code.
  - 3. Political subdivisions may not impose an occupancy/fee on a rental unit.

4. Political subdivisions may not impose a requirement or restriction based on the informational content of a sign that is not imposed on all signs.

5. Political subdivisions may not prohibit or regulate the placement, installation, or use of certain fire pits that were lawfully installed before the effective date of this bill.

6) Political subdivisions may not enact an ordinance that requires a landlord to obtain a license, certification, or registration in order to own, manage, or operate a residential rental property unless the ordinance applies to all residential properties, including owner-occupied properties.

#### Automatic sprinklers in multifamily dwellings

Under current law, the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) administers the multifamily dwelling code, including requirements concerning automatic sprinklers. Currently, a city, village, or town generally may not enact or enforce an ordinance that does not conform to the multifamily dwelling code or that is contrary to an order of DSPS enforcing the multifamily dwelling code, except that certain preexisting sprinkler ordinances that are stricter than the multifamily dwelling code may remain in effect.

This bill repeals that exception for preexisting stricter sprinkler ordinances. The bill also provides that any contract between a city, village, or town pursuant to such an ordinance is unenforceable.

## Towing vehicles from private property

Under current law, before any vehicle is removed from private property by a towing service, the towing service must notify a local law enforcement agency of the make, model, vehicle identification number, and registration plate number of the vehicle and the location to which the vehicle will be removed. A towing service that fails to comply with this requirement may not collect any charges for the removal and storage of the vehicle. Under this bill, a towing service that makes a good faith effort to comply with the notification requirement may collect charges for the removal and storage of the vehicle and is immune from liability from any claim arising from a failure to comply with the requirement.

Under current law, the Department of Transportation is required to promulgate rules establishing reasonable charges for removal of vehicles from private property and guidelines for notifying law enforcement. Under this bill, these charges and guidelines apply only when no citation was issued.

## Terminating tenancies

Under current law, a tenant's tenancy may be terminated by the landlord for, among other things, nonpayment of rent, committing waste, or breaching a covenant or condition of the tenant's rental agreement, or if the property owner receives notice from a law enforcement agency or the office of the district attorney that a nuisance



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exists in the rental unit because the property is being used for drug-related purposes or criminal gang-related purposes. Under this bill, a landlord may terminate the tenancy of a tenant, without giving the tenant an opportunity to remedy the default, by giving the tenant notice if the tenant, a member of the tenant's household, or a guest or other invitee of the tenant or of a member of the tenant's household does any of the following: 1) engages in criminal activity that threatens the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other tenants; 2) engages in criminal activity that threatens the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of their residences by persons residing in the immediate vicinity of the premises; 3) engages in criminal activity that threatens the health or safety of the landlord or an agent or employee of the landlord; or 4) engages in drug-related criminal activity on or near the premises. It is not necessary that the individual committing the criminal activity or drug-related criminal activity has been arrested for or convicted of the criminal activity or drug-related criminal activity.

The notice that the landlord gives the tenant must require the tenant to vacate on or before a date at least five days after the giving of the notice and must specify the grounds for the landlord's action. The bill defines criminal activity as any act or behavior that is punishable in this state by a period of imprisonment. Drug—related criminal activity is defined as criminal activity that involves the manufacture, possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance, which is defined in current law.

Under current law, a landlord may terminate the tenancy of a month—to—month tenant who commits waste, violates certain statutory tenant duties, or breaches a condition of the lease, other than by failing to pay rent (commits a qualifying breach) by providing the tenant with a notice that requires the tenant to vacate the premises within 14 days. Current law does not provide a landlord of a month—to—month or week—to—week tenant the option to terminate such a tenancy by providing a notice that requires the tenant to cure the qualifying breach or vacate the premises.

This bill creates a procedure for a landlord to terminate a month—to—month or week—to—week tenancy if 1) the tenant commits a qualifying breach and 2) the landlord provides the tenant with a notice that requires the tenant to cure the qualifying breach or vacate the premises and the tenant fails to comply with the notice. The procedure is identical to the procedure described below for a landlord of year—to—year tenant, except that if the tenant commits another qualifying breach within one year of receiving an initial notice, the landlord of a month—to—month or week—to—week tenant may terminate the tenancy by providing the tenant with a notice to vacate the premises within five days. This bill also applies the existing termination procedure for month—to—month tenancies to week—to—week tenancies.

Under current law, a landlord may terminate the tenancy of a year-to-year tenant or a tenant under a lease for a term of one year or less if 1) the tenant commits a qualifying breach and 2) the landlord provides the tenant with a notice that requires the tenant to cure the qualifying breach or vacate the premises and the tenant fails to comply with the notice. Current law specifies that a tenant may comply with the landlord's notice by taking reasonable steps to remedy the qualifying breach or by making a bona fide reasonable offer to pay the landlord all damages

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associated with the qualifying breach. Current law also provides that if the tenant commits another qualifying breach within one year of receiving such a notice, the landlord may terminate the tenant's tenancy by providing the tenant with a notice to vacate the premises within 14 days if the landlord provides the notice before the tenant cures the qualifying breach. This bill eliminates the condition that the landlord provide the subsequent notice to vacate before the tenant remedies the qualifying breach.

Trespass

Under current law, a person who enters into the dwelling of another without the lass to a dwelling of permission of a person who is lawfully on the premises may be guilty of criminal trespass to a dwelling, a Class A misdemeanor. Under the bill, a person may be guilty of criminal trespass to a dwelling if he or she enters or remains in a dwelling without the permission of a person who is lawfully on the premises regardless of whether the dwelling is currently occupied. (residential

Disposing of personal property left by trespasser

Current law does not address what happens to the personal property of a trespasser that is left behind after the trespasser leaves or is removed from rental property. This bill provides that, after a trespasser leaves or is removed from rental property, a landlord must hold any personal property left by the trespasser for seven days, during which time the trespasser may request its return. After that time, the landlord may dispose of the personal property in any manner that the landlord determines is appropriate.

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For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

**Section 1.** 20.505 (7) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.505 (7) (h) Funding for the homeless. All moneys received from interest on real estate trust accounts under s. 452.13 for grants under s. 16.307, and all moneys received under s. ss. 704.05 (5) (a) 2. and 704.055 (2) (b), for grants to agencies and shelter facilities for homeless individuals and families under s. 16.308 (2) (a) and (b).

**Section 2.** 59.69 (4m) of the statutes is amended to read:

59.69 (4m) HISTORIC PRESERVATION. A county, as an exercise of its zoning and police powers for the purpose of promoting the health, safety and general welfare of

the community and of the state, may regulate by ordinance any place, structure or object with a special character, historic interest, aesthetic interest or other significant value, for the purpose of preserving the place, structure or object and its significant characteristics. The county may create a landmarks commission to designate historic landmarks and establish historic districts. The county may regulate all historic landmarks and all property within each historic district to preserve the historic landmarks and property within the district and the character of the district. A county may not designate a property as a historic landmark without the consent of the owner. A county may not require or prohibit any action by an owner of a property related to the preservation of special character, historic or aesthetic interest, or any other significant value of the property without the consent of the owner.

**SECTION 3.** 60.64 of the statutes is amended to read:

and police powers for the purpose of promoting the health, safety and general welfare of the community and of the state, may regulate any place, structure or object with a special character, historic interest, aesthetic interest or other significant value for the purpose of preserving the place, structure or object and its significant characteristics. The town board may create a landmarks commission to designate historic landmarks and establish historic districts. The board may regulate all historic landmarks and all property within each historic district to preserve the historic landmarks and property within the district and the character of the district. The town board may not designate a property as a historic landmark without the consent of the owner. The town board may not require or prohibit any action by an owner of a property related to the preservation of special character, historic or

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aesthetic interest, or any other significant value of the property without the consent of the owner.

**Section 4.** 62.23 (7) (em) of the statutes is amended to read:

62.23 (7) (em) Historic preservation. A city, as an exercise of its zoning and police powers for the purpose of promoting the health, safety and general welfare of the community and of the state, may regulate by ordinance, or if a city contains any property that is listed on the national register of historic places in Wisconsin or the state register of historic places shall, not later than 1995, enact an ordinance to regulate, any place, structure or object with a special character, historic, archaeological or aesthetic interest, or other significant value, for the purpose of preserving the place, structure or object and its significant characteristics. A city may create a landmarks commission to designate historic or archaeological landmarks and establish historic districts. The city may regulate, or if the city contains any property that is listed on the national register of historic places in Wisconsin or the state register of historic places shall regulate, all historic or archaeological landmarks and all property within each historic district to preserve the historic or archaeological landmarks and property within the district and the character of the district. A city may not designate a property as a historic landmark without the consent of the owner. A city may not require or prohibit any action by an owner of a property related to the preservation of special character, historic or aesthetic interest, or any other significant value of the property without the consent of the owner.

**Section 5.** 66.0102 of the statutes is created to read:

**66.0102 Meeting notices.** Notwithstanding s. 19.84 (3), before a governmental body, as defined in s. 19.82 (1), may consider any matter involving the

1	enactment, adoption, amendment, or repeal of any local government ordinance or
2	resolution at a meeting of that body, it shall give public notice of such consideration
3	at least 14 days prior to the commencement of the meeting. Public notice of matters
4	to which this section applies may be given separately from and prior to matters to
5	which this section does not apply, but shall otherwise be governed by s. 19.84.
6	Section 6. 66.0104 (2) (e) of the statutes is created to read:
7	66.0104 (2) (e) No city, village, town, or county may enact an ordinance that
8	does any of the following:
9	1. Requires that a rental unit be inspected without a showing of good cause or
10	be certified or registered.
11	2. Charges a fee for conducting an inspection other than an inspection based
12	on a complaint from a tenant alleging a violation of the local housing code of the city,
13	village, town, or county.
14	Section 7. 66.0104 (2) (f) of the statutes is created to read:
15	66.0104 (2) (f) No city, village, town, or county may impose an occupancy fee
16	on a rental unit.  or transfer of tenancy
17	SECTION 8. 66.0104 (2) (g) of the statutes is created to read:
18)	66.0104 (2) (g) No city, village, town, or county may enact an ordinance that
19	requires a landlord to obtain a license, certification, or registration in order to with fallow
20	manage, or operate a residential rental property unless the ordinance applies to all
21 /	residential properties, including owner-occupied properties.
22/	SECTION 9. 66.0104 (3) (c) of the statutes is created to read:
23	66.0104 (3) (c) If a city, village, town, or county has in effect on the effective date
24	of this paragraph [LRB inserts date], an ordinance that is inconsistent with sub.

(2) (e), (f), or (g), the ordinance does not apply and may not be enforced.

1	SECTION 10. 66.0418 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:
2	66.0418 (title) Prohibition of Miscellaneous limitations on local
3	regulation of certain foods, beverages.
4	SECTION 11. 66.0418 (3) of the statutes is created to read:
5	66.0418 (3) No political subdivision may prohibit or regulate the placement,
6	installation, or use of a fire pit that meets all of the following requirements:
7	(a) It was lawfully placed or installed before the effective date of this paragraph
8	[LRB inserts date].
9	(b) It has a total fuel burning area of less than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in
10	height.
11	(c) It is surrounded by a fire barrier of noncombustible material that is at least
12	6 inches in height.
13	(d) It is not used within 25 feet of a structure or other combustible material.
14	(e) It burns only materials approved by the political subdivision.
	****Note: Paragraphs (b) to (e) above are based on requirements for conducting a "recreational fire" in Minneapolis. Do these requirements meet your intent?
15	SECTION 12. 66.0418 (4) of the statutes is created to read:
16	66.0418 (4) No political subdivision may impose a restriction or requirement
17	on a sign based on the sign's informational content that it does not impose on all
18	signs.
<del></del>	<b>Section 13.</b> 66.1019 (3) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 66.1019 (3) and
20	amended to read:
21	66.1019 (3) Except as provided in par. (b), any Any ordinance enacted by a
22	county city village or town relating to the construction or inspection of multifemily

1	dwellings, as defined in s. 101.971 (2), shall conform to subch. VI of ch. 101 and s.
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2	101.02 (7m).

**Section 14.** 66.1019 (3) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

**Section 15.** 101.02 (7m) of the statutes is amended to read:

101.02 (7m) Notwithstanding sub. (7) (a), no city, village, or town may make or enforce any ordinance that is applied to any multifamily dwelling, as defined in s. 101.971 (2), and that does not conform to subch. VI and this section or is contrary to an order of the department under this subchapter, except that if a city, village or town has a preexisting stricter sprinkler ordinance, as defined in s. 101.975 (3) (a), that ordinance remains in effect, except that the city, village or town may take any action with regard to that ordinance that a political subdivision may take under s. 101.975 (3) (b). Any contract between a city, village, or town and a property owner of a multifamily dwelling that requires the property owner to comply with an ordinance that does not conform to subch. VI and this section or is contrary to an order of the department under this subchapter is void and unenforceable.

**Section 16.** 101.975 (3) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 17. 349.13 (3m) (dr) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

349.13 (3m) (dr) 2. A towing service may not collect any charges for the removal or storage of an illegally parked vehicle under this subsection if <u>unless</u> the towing service has not complied <u>made a good faith effort to comply</u> with par. (d) 2. with respect to the vehicle.

Section 18. 349.13 (3m) (dr) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

349.13 (3m) (dr) 3. A towing service that made a good faith effort to comply with par. (d) 2. shall be immune from liability for any claim arising from a failure to comply with par. (d) 2.

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1	Section 19. 549.15 (5m) (e) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:
2	349.13 (3m) (e) 1. Reasonable charges for removal and storage of vehicles
3	under this subsection when no citation has been issued.
4	SECTION 20. 349.13 (3m) (e) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:
5	349.13 (3m) (e) 3. Guidelines for towing services to notify law enforcement
6	under par. (d) upon removal of a vehicle when no citation has been issued.
7	SECTION 21. 704.055 of the statutes is created to read:
8	704.055 Disposition of personalty left by trespasser. (1) Definition. In
9	this section, "trespasser" means a person who is not a tenant who enters or remains
10	in rental property without the consent of the landlord or another person lawfully on
11	the property.
12	(2) At the Landlord's discretion. (a) If a trespasser is removed or otherwise (residential)
13)	removes from rental property and leaves personal property, the landlord shall hold
14	the personal property for 7 days from the date on which the landlord discovers the
15	personal property. After that time, the landlord may presume that the trespasser
16	has abandoned the personal property and may dispose of the personal property in
17	any manner that the landlord, in the landlord's sole discretion, determines is
18	appropriate but shall promptly return the personal property to the trespasser if the
19	landlord receives a request for its return before the landlord disposes of it.
	****Note: Would you prefer to limit this provision to someone trespassing on residential rental property or trespassing in a dwelling or dwelling unit?
20	(b) If the landlord disposes of the abandoned personal property by private or

public sale, the landlord may send the proceeds of the sale minus any costs of sale

and, if the landlord has first stored the personal property, minus any storage charges

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1	to the department of administration for deposit in the appropriation under s. 20.505
2	(7) (h).
3	(3) RIGHTS OF 3RD PERSONS. The landlord's power to dispose as provided by this
4	section applies to any personal property left on the landlord's property by the
5	trespasser, whether owned by the trespasser or by others. The power to dispose
6	under this section applies notwithstanding any rights of others existing under any
7	claim of ownership or security interest. The trespasser, other owner, or any secured
8	party has the right to redeem the personal property at any time before the landlord
9	has disposed of it or entered into a contract for its disposition by payment of any
LO	expenses that the landlord has incurred with respect to the disposition of the
<b>L</b> 1	personal property.
2	<b>SECTION 22.</b> 704.17 (1) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 704.17 (1) (b) (intro.)
L3	and amended to read:
<b>L4</b>	704.17 (1) (b) (intro.) If a month-to-month or a week-to-week tenant commits
L5	waste or a material violation of s. 704.07 (3) or breaches any covenant or condition
16	of the tenant's agreement, other than for payment of rent, the tenancy can be
L <b>7</b>	terminated if the landlord gives any of the following applies:
18	terminated if the landlord gives any of the following applies:  2. The landlord gives the tenant notice requiring the tenant to vacate on or
Ĺ <b>9</b>	before a date at least 14 days after the giving of the notice.
20	SECTION 23. 704.17 (1) (b) 1. of the statutes is created to read:
21	704.17 (1) (b) 1. The landlord gives the tenant a notice that requires the tenant
22	to either remedy the default or vacate the premises no later than a date at least 5 days

after the giving of the notice, and the tenant fails to comply with the notice. A tenant

is considered to be complying with the notice if promptly upon receipt of the notice

the tenant takes reasonable steps to remedy the default and proceeds with

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reasonable diligence, or if damages are adequate protection for the landlord and the tenant makes a bona fide and reasonable offer to pay the landlord all damages for the tenant's breach. If, within one year from receiving of a notice under this subdivision, the tenant again commits waste or breaches the same or any other covenant or condition of the tenant's rental agreement, other than for payment of rent, the tenant's tenancy is terminated if the landlord gives the tenant notice to vacate on or before a date at least 5 days after the giving of the notice.

### **Section 24.** 704.17 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

704.17 (2) (b) If a tenant under a lease for a term of one year or less, or a year-to-year tenant, commits waste or a material violation of s. 704.07 (3) or breaches any covenant or condition of the tenant's lease, other than for payment of rent, the tenant's tenancy is terminated if the landlord gives the tenant a notice requiring the tenant to remedy the default or vacate the premises on or before a date at least 5 days after the giving of the notice, and if the tenant fails to comply with such notice. A tenant is deemed to be complying with the notice if promptly upon receipt of such notice the tenant takes reasonable steps to remedy the default and proceeds with reasonable diligence, or if damages are adequate protection for the landlord and the tenant makes a bona fide and reasonable offer to pay the landlord all damages for the tenant's breach. If within one year from the giving of any such notice, the tenant again commits waste or breaches the same or any other covenant or condition of the tenant's lease, other than for payment of rent, the tenant's tenancy is terminated if the landlord, prior to the tenant's remedying the waste or breach, gives the tenant notice to vacate on or before a date at least 14 days after the giving of the notice.

**Section 25.** 704.17 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

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## 704.17 (3m) CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. (a) In this subsection:

- 1. "Criminal activity" means any act or behavior committed by a person that is punishable in this state by a period of imprisonment.
- 2. "Drug-related criminal activity" means criminal activity that involves the manufacture, possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance, as defined in s. 961.01 (4).
- (b) 1. Notwithstanding subs. (1) (b), (2) (b), and (3) (a) a landlord may, upon notice to the tenant, terminate the tenancy of a tenant, without giving the tenant an opportunity to remedy the default, if the tenant, a member of the tenant's household, or a guest or other invitee of the tenant or of a member of the tenant's household engages in any criminal activity that threatens the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other tenants; engages in any criminal activity that threatens the health safety or right to peaceful enjoyment of their residences by persons residing in the immediate vicinity of the premises; engages in any criminal activity that threatens the health or safety of the landlord or an agent or employee of the landlord; or engages in any drug-related criminal activity on or near the premises. The notice shall require the tenant to vacate on or before a date at least 5 days after the giving of the notice and shall specify the grounds for the landlord's action.
- 2. To terminate a tenancy under this subsection, it is not necessary that the individual committing the criminal activity or drug-related criminal activity has been arrested for or convicted of the criminal activity or drug-related criminal activity.

**SECTION 26.** 704.17 (5) of the statutes is renumbered 704.17 (5) (a) and amended to read:

1	704.17 (5) (a) Provisions in the lease or rental agreement for termination
2	contrary to this section sub. (1), (2), or (3) are invalid except in leases for more than
3	one year.
4	Section 27. 704.17 (5) (b) of the statutes is created to read:
5	704.17 (5) (b) Provisions in the lease or rental agreement for termination
6	contrary to sub. (3m) are invalid.
7	SECTION 28. 704.19 (2) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:
8	704.19 (2) (b) 2. Notwithstanding subd. 1., nothing in this section prevents
9	termination of a tenancy before the end of a rental period because of an imminent
10	threat of serious physical harm, as provided in s. 704.16, or for criminal activity or
11	drug-related criminal activity, nonpayment of rent, or breach of any other condition
12	of the tenancy, as provided in s. 704.17.
13	SECTION 29. 800.035 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
14	800.035 (1) A defendant may make an initial appearance in person or by
15	submitting a written response to the citation or complaint except when the judge has
16	required an appearance under s. 800.02 (2) (ag) 4. For the purposes of this section,
17	if a defendant is a limited liability company, the defendant appears in person if the
18	appearance is by a member, as defined in s. 183.0102 (15), by an agent or authorized
19	employee of the defendant, or by an agent of the member or an authorized employee
20	of the agent.
21	SECTION 30. 943.14 of the statutes is renumbered 943.14 (2) and amended to
22	read:
23	943.14 (2) Whoever intentionally enters or remains in the dwelling of another
24	without the consent of some person lawfully upon the premises, under circumstances
25	tending to create or provoke a breach of the peace, is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

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1	<b>Section 31.</b> 943.14 (1) of the statutes is created to read:
2	943.14 (1) In this section, "dwelling" has the meaning given in s. $30.1335$ (1)
3	(h). For the purposes of this section, a dwelling meets that definition regardless of
4	whether the dwelling is currently occupied by a resident.
5	Section 32. Initial applicability.
6	(1) The treatment of sections 704.17 (3m) and 704.19 (2) (b) 2. of the statutes
7	first applies to criminal activities or drug-related criminal activities that are
8	committed on the effective date of this subsection.
9	(2) The creation of section 704.17 (5) (b) of the statutes first applies to leases
10	and rental agreements that are entered into or renewed on the effective date of this
11	subsection.

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## **Subleasing**

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Under current law, a tenant under a lease may assign or sublease his or her interest under the lease unless the lease expressly restricts the tenant's ability to do so. This bill provides that, unless a lease expressly allows a tenant to assign or sublease his or her interest under the lease, the tenant may not do so without the consent of the landlord and any attempt by the tenant to assign or sublease without the landlord's consent is void and does not convey any tenant's rights to the purported transferee.

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- **SECTION 1.** 66.0809 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 2 66.0809 (9) A municipal utility is not required to offer a customer who is a
- 3 tenant at a rental dwelling unit a deferred payment agreement. Notwithstanding.
- 4 ss. 196.03, 196.19, 196.20, 196.22, 196.37, and 196.60, a determination by a
- 5 <u>municipal utility to offer or not offer a deferred payment agreement does not require</u>
- 6 approval, and is not subject to disapproval, by the public service commission.

History: 1999 a. 150 ss. 184, 186; 2007 a. 11; 2013 a. 274; 2015 a. 55.

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- 7 (c) Paragraph (b) does not apply to a tenant who is the victim, as defined in s.
- 8 950.02 (4), of the criminal activity.

\*\*\*\*Note: You indicated that you wanted something similar to the language of s. 704.44 (9), which mentions the tenant or a person lawfully residing with the tenant as being victims. The problem with the "person lawfully residing with the tenant" language is that if it is the tenant who is perpetrating the criminal activity on a person residing with the tenant, the tenant cannot be evicted. Is that what you want? If so, I can add "person lawfully residing with the tenant."

The language above allows for the eviction of a tenant who is perpetrating criminal activity on another tenant, but not the eviction of the tenant who is the victim. It also allows eviction of a tenant who is perpetrating criminal activity on a person residing with the tenant, but does not offer protection for that victim if the victim is not a tenant. The language also protects a tenant from eviction if the tenant is the victim of criminal activity

that is perpetrated by a person residing with the tenant, but does not protect the tenant from the person residing with the tenant if he or she is not also a tenant and cannot be evicted.

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2	SECTION 1. 175.403 of the statutes is created to read:
3	175.403 Trespassing; arrest and removal. (1) In this section:
4	(a) "Law enforcement agency" has the meaning given in s. 165.83 $(\frac{1}{2})$ (b).
5	(b) "Law enforcement officer" has the meaning given in s. $165.85 (2) (c)$ .
6	(2) Each law enforcement agency shall have a written policy regarding the
7	investigation of complaints alleging a violation of s. 943.14. The policy shall require
8	a law enforcement officer who has probable cause to arrest a person for a violation
9	of s. 943.14 to remove the person from the dwelling.

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SECTION 1.	704.	09(1)	of the	statutes	is a	mended	to	read:

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704.09 (1) Transferability of interest of tenant or landlord. A Unless a lease expressly allows, a tenant under a tenancy at will or any periodic tenancy less than year—to—year may not assign or sublease except with the agreement or consent of the landlord, and any attempt to assign or sublease without the landlord's consent is void and does not convey any tenant's rights to the purported transferee. The interest of any other tenant or the interest of any landlord may be transferred except as the lease expressly restricts power to transfer. A lease restriction on transfer is construed to apply only to voluntary transfer unless there is an express restriction on transfer by operation of law.

History: 1971 c. 211 s. 126; 1993 a. 486.

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**Section 2.** 704.09 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

704.09 (3) COVENANTS WHICH APPLY TO TRANSFEREE. All covenants and provisions in a lease which are not either expressly or by necessary implication personal to the original parties are enforceable by or against the successors in interest of any party to the lease who transferred the party's interest under sub. (1). However, a successor in interest is liable in damages, or entitled to recover damages, only for a breach which occurs during the period when the successor holds his or her interest, unless the successor has by contract assumed greater liability; a personal representative may also recover damages for a breach for which the personal representative's decedent could have recovered.

History: 1971 c. 211 s. 126; 1993 a. 486.

SECTION 3. 704.09 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

1	704.09 (4) Same procedural remedies. The remedies available between the
2	original landlord and tenant are also available to or against any successor in interest
3	to either party who transferred the party's interest under sub. $(1)$ .
4	History: 1971 c. 211 s. 126; 1993 a. 486. $\times$ SECTION 4. 704.09 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:
5	704.09 (5) Consent as affecting subsequent transfers. If a lease restricts
6	transfer, consent Regardless of whether a transfer is in violation of sub. (1), consent
7	or other acquiescence to a transfer or waiver of a breach of the a transfer restriction
8	in a lease is not a consent or waiver as to any subsequent transfers.
	History: 1971 c. 211 s. 126; 1993 a. 486.  ****NOTE: Please carefully review the proposed changes to s. 704.09 to ensure that the changes are consistent with your intent.

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(1) The treatment of section 704.09 (1), (3), (4), and (5) of the statutes first applies to leases and rental agreements that are entered into or renewed on the effective date of this subsection.

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I was wondering if we could have the attached language included in the slash one draft of LRB 3011?

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Thank you.

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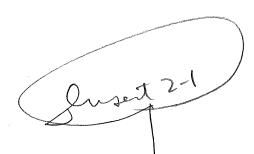
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# State of Misconsin 2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

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## **2015 BILL**



AN ACT to renumber 706.22 (2) (a) 1., 706.22 (2) (a) 2. and 706.22 (2) (a) 3.; to renumber and amend 706.22 (2) (b) and 706.22 (3); to amend 706.22 (title), 706.22 (2) (title) and 706.22 (2) (a) (intro.); and to create 706.22 (2) (a) 2m., 706.22 (2) (a) 3m., 706.22 (2) (b) 2. and 706.22 (3) (b) of the statutes; relating to: prohibiting local governmental units from imposing real property purchase or residential real property occupancy requirements.

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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits a local governmental unit from restricting the purchase or transfer of real property or the occupancy of residential real property of making them contingent on whether a purchaser or other transferee takes certain actions with respect to the property.

Under current law, a local governmental unit is prohibited from requiring a real property owner to take certain actions with respect to the property or pay a related fee; to show compliance with taking certain actions with respect to the property; or to pay a fee for failing to take certain actions with respect to the property before the owner may sell, refinance, or transfer title to the property; at the time of selling, refinancing, or transferring title to the property; or within a certain period of time after selling, refinancing, or transferring title to the property. A local governmental unit may, however, require a real property owner to take certain actions with respect to the property not in connection with selling, refinancing, or transferring title to the



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property. The definition of "actions with respect to the property" includes such actions as having an inspection made by an employee or agent of the local governmental unit; making improvements or repairs; removing junk or debris; paving or painting; and installing fixtures or other items.

This bill does all of the following:

- 1. Prohibits a local governmental unit from requiring a person who is a prospective purchaser of, or person who will take title to, real property to take certain actions with respect to the property, as defined under current law, or pay a related fee; to show compliance with taking certain actions with respect to the property; or to pay a fee for failing to take certain actions with respect to the property before the person may complete the purchase of, or take title to, the property; at the time of completing the purchase of, or taking title to, the property.
- 2. Prohibits a local governmental unit from requiring a purchaser of, or transferee of title to, residential real property to take certain actions with respect to the property, as defined under current law, or pay a related fee; to show compliance with taking certain actions with respect to the property; or to pay a fee for failing to take certain actions with respect to the property before the purchaser or transferee may take occupancy of the property; at the time of taking occupancy of the property; or within a certain time after taking occupancy of the property.
- 3. Provides that a local governmental unit may require a real property owner to take certain actions with respect to the property not in connection with purchasing or taking occupancy of the property.
- 4. Provides that any ordinance, resolution, or policy currently in effect that is inconsistent with the prohibitions in the bill does not apply and is unenforceable.
- 5. Provides that the prohibitions in the bill and under current law on local governmental units do not affect a local governmental unit's responsibility, authority, or ability to enforce a state or federal requirement that does any of the things that a local governmental unit is prohibited from doing in the bill or under current law.

current law.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

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- Section 1. 706.22 (title) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 706.22 (title) Prohibition on imposing time-of-sale, purchase, or
- 4 <u>occupancy</u> requirements.



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SECTION 2. 706.22 (2) (title) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act 1 . 2 55, is amended to read: 3 706.22 (2) (title) REQUIREMENTS TIED TO SALE, PURCHASE, OR TAKING OCCUPANCY 4 OF PROPERTY PROHIBITED. 5 Section 3. 706.22 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin 6 Act 55, is amended to read: 706.22 (2) (a) (intro.) Except as provided in par. (b), no local governmental unit 7 8 may by ordinance, resolution, or any other means restrict do any of the following: 9 <u>1m. Restrict</u> the ability of an owner of real property to sell or otherwise transfer 10 title to or refinance the property by requiring the owner or an agent of the owner to 11 take certain actions with respect to the property or pay a related fee, to show 12 compliance with taking certain actions with respect to the property, or to pay a fee 13 for failing to take certain actions with respect to the property, at any of the following 14 times: SECTION 4. 706.22 (2) (a) 1. of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act 15 16 55, is renumbered 706.22 (2) (a) 1m. a. 17 Section 5. 706.22 (2) (a) 2. of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, is renumbered 706.22 (2) (a) 1m. b. 18 19 **Section 6.** 706.22 (2) (a) 2m. of the statutes is created to read: 20 706.22 (2) (a) 2m. Restrict the ability of a person to purchase or take title to real 21 property by requiring the person or an agent of the person to take certain actions with respect to the property or pay a related fee, to show compliance with taking certain 22 23 actions with respect to the property, or to pay a fee for failing to take certain actions

a. Before the person may complete the purchase of or take title to the property.



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- b. At the time of completing the purchase of or taking title to the property.
- c. Within a certain period of time after completing the purchase of or taking title to the property.
- **SECTION 7.** 706.22 (2) (a) 3. of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, is renumbered 706.22 (2) (a) 1m. c.
  - **Section 8.** 706.22 (2) (a) 3m. of the statutes is created to read:
- 706.22 (2) (a) 3m. Restrict the ability of a purchaser of or transferee of title to residential real property to take occupancy of the property by requiring the purchaser or transferee or an agent of the purchaser or transferee to take certain actions with respect to the property or pay a related fee, to show compliance with taking certain actions with respect to the property, or to pay a fee for failing to take certain actions with respect to the property, at any of the following times:
  - a. Before the purchaser or transferee may take occupancy of the property.
  - b. At the time of taking occupancy of the property.
  - c. Within a certain period of time after taking occupancy of the property.
- **SECTION 9.** 706.22 (2) (b) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, is renumbered 706.22 (2) (b) (intro.) and amended to read:
  - 706.22 (2) (b) (intro.) Paragraph (a) does not prohibit do any of the following:
- 1. Prohibit a local governmental unit from requiring a real property owner or the owner's agent to take certain actions with respect to the property not in connection with the <u>purchase</u>, sale or, refinancing, or taking occupancy of, or the transfer of title to, the property.
  - SECTION 10. 706.22 (2) (b) 2. of the statutes is created to read:
- 706.22 (2) (b) 2. Prohibit a local governmental unit from enforcing, or otherwise affect the responsibility, authority, or ability of a local governmental unit to enforce,



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a federal or state requirement that does any of the things a local governmental unit is prohibited from doing under par. (a).

SECTION 11. 706.22 (3) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, is renumbered 706.22 (3) (a) and amended to read:

706.22 (3) (a) If a local governmental unit has in effect on July 14, 2015, an ordinance, resolution, or policy that is inconsistent with sub. (2) (a) 1m., the ordinance, resolution, or policy does not apply and may not be enforced.

**Section 12.** 706.22 (3) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

706.22 (3) (b) If a local governmental unit has in effect on the effective date of this paragraph .... [LRB inserts date], an ordinance, resolution, or policy that is inconsistent with sub. (2) (a) 2m. or 3m., the ordinance, resolution, or policy does not apply and may not be enforced.

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