



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 199
[2017 Senate Bill 339]

Huber Release for Probationers

Under Wisconsin's "Huber" law, any person sentenced to a county jail, or certain other facilities, for reasons specified in s. 303.08, Stats., may be granted the privilege of leaving the jail during necessary and reasonable hours for several purposes, including employment.

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2017 Wisconsin Act 199 allows a probationer confined in a county jail, tribal jail, or county house of correction for a probation violation to participate in Huber release. To be eligible for Huber release, the person must have been placed on probation for a misdemeanor and the probation violation for which he or she is confined is not a crime. Under the Act, the sheriff, tribal chief of police, or superintendent of the house of correction, in conjunction with the Department of Corrections, is responsible for determining a probationer's eligibility to participate and may terminate participation at any time. The purposes for which Huber release may be granted to a probationer confined on a probation hold include the following:

- Seeking employment or engaging in employment training.
- Working at employment.
- Performing court-ordered community service.
- Medical treatment.

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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.wisconsin.gov>.