



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 287
[2017 Assembly Bill 342]

**Taking, Driving, or Operating a
Commercial Vehicle Without
Consent**

Under Wisconsin law, it is a Class H felony to take and drive any vehicle without the consent of the owner, and it is a Class I felony to drive or operate any vehicle without the consent of the owner. 2017 Wisconsin Act 287 increases the penalty by one felony classification level if the vehicle that is taken and driven or driven or operated without consent is a commercial vehicle.

Additionally, under state statute, it is a Class G felony to steal property with a value that exceeds \$10,000. Act 287 provides that it is a Class F felony to steal property with a value that exceeds \$100,000. The Act also requires a person who causes damage to a commercial vehicle to pay restitution.

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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>.