AN ACT to amend 49.147 (6) (a) (intro.); and to create 49.147 (6) (am) of the statutes; relating to: eligibility for a job access loan to repair or purchase a vehicle.

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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires a person to have a current and valid operator’s license in order to be eligible for a job access loan to repair or purchase a vehicle and requires a person on probation, parole, or extended supervision to prove that the person has permission to purchase a vehicle from his or her probation, parole, or extended supervision agent in order to be eligible for a job access loan to purchase a vehicle.

The Wisconsin Works program (W-2) under current law, which is administered by the Department of Children and Families, provides work experience and benefits for low-income custodial parents who are at least 18 years old. DCF makes job access loans to persons who are eligible for W-2 and who need such loans to obtain or continue employment, including a loan to repair or purchase a vehicle that is needed to obtain or continue employment. Under this bill, a person is not eligible to receive a job access loan to repair or purchase a vehicle if the person does not possess a current and valid operator’s license. Also under the bill, a person who is on probation, parole, or extended supervision is not eligible to receive a job access loan to purchase a vehicle unless the person provides proof that his or her probation, parole, or extended supervision agent has granted the person permission to purchase a vehicle.
For further information see the *state* 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.** 49.147 (6) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.147 (6) (a) Additional eligibility criteria. (intro.) An Except as provided in par. (am), an individual is eligible to receive a job access loan if, in addition to meeting the eligibility requirements under s. 49.145, all of the following conditions are met with respect to the individual:

**SECTION 2.** 49.147 (6) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

49.147 (6) (am) Vehicle loan requirements. 1. An individual is not eligible to receive a job access loan to repair or purchase a vehicle if the individual does not possess a current and valid operator’s license issued under ch. 343.

2. An individual who is on probation, parole, or extended supervision is not eligible to receive a job access loan to purchase a vehicle unless the individual provides proof that his or her probation, parole, or extended supervision agent has granted the individual permission to purchase a vehicle.

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