May 4, 2017 - Introduced by Senators KAPENGA and NASS, cosponsored by Representatives STUCK, HORLACHER, SANFELippo, ALLEN, ANDERSON, BRANDTJEN, R. BROOKS, CROWLEY, DOYLE, FIELDS, KATSMA, KOLSTE, KRUG, POPE, SKOWRonsKI, SPIROS, SUMMERFIELD, TUSLER, WICHGERS and YOUNg. Referred to Committee on Public Benefits, Licensing and State-Federal Relations.

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.

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.
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For further information see the state 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. 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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