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CHAPTER 238

AN ACT to amend 85.08 (24b) of the statutes, relating to requiring arresting officer or prosecuting attorney to instruct a person accused of a traffic violation of the effect of a plea of guilty or forfeiture of bail on his driving privileges.

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

85.08 (24b) of the statutes is amended to read:

85.08 (24b) (a) Whenever a person is charged with a violation of law which requires upon conviction that his license be revoked or suspended, the police officer, city or village attorney, or district attorney handling the case shall inform him that a plea of guilty or a forfeiture of bail will result in his license being revoked or suspended, and shall require him to sign a stipulation to the effect that he has been so informed. One copy of such stipulation shall be given to the defendant and one copy shall be filed with the court. If the conviction will result in such person's operator's record being charged with demerit points as established by rule under sub. (27) (b), such officer or attorney shall inform him that a plea of guilty or a forfeiture of bail will result in his operator's record being charged with demerit points as prescribed by such rules and inform him of the number of points which will result in suspension of his operator's license.

(b) Before taking the plea of a person charged with a violation of law which requires upon conviction that such person's license be revoked or suspended or that his operator's record be charged with demerit points as established by rule under sub. (27) (b), it is the duty of the presiding judge or justice to inform the defendant that conviction will result in his license being revoked or suspended or his record being charged with such points. No bail shall be forfeited on * * * a charge * * *,

concerning which a copy of * * * a stipulation * * * must be filed with the court under par. (a), unless such stipulation has been so filed, but this shall not be construed to prevent revocation or suspension pursuant to sub. (23) even though the person whose bail was forfeited in a court in another state was not given notice in the manner provided for in this subsection.

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