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<b>2003 Wisconsin Act 215</b> [2003 Assembly Bill 777]	<b>Unlicensed Motor Vehicle Dealers, Motor Vehicle Salespersons, and Sales Finance Companies</b>
2003 Acts: <a href="http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/">www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/</a>	Act Memos: <a href="http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm">www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm</a>

Under **current law**, no person may act as a motor vehicle dealer, motor vehicle salesperson, or sales finance company without being licensed by the Department of Transportation (DOT). A person who violates this requirement may be fined not less than \$500 nor more than \$5,000.

**2003 Wisconsin Act 215** changes the fine to a forfeiture of not less than \$500 nor more than \$5,000.

**Current law** also requires a motor vehicle dealer, distributor, manufacturer, or transporter to report to DOT any change in its place of business and to surrender its dealer's license and dealer registration plates to DOT when the dealer, distributor, manufacturer, or transporter discontinues business or is subject to license revocation or suspension. A dealer, distributor, manufacturer, or transporter who fails to do so is subject to a fine of not more than \$200 or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.

Under **2003 Wisconsin Act 215**, a dealer, distributor, manufacturer, or transporter who fails to report to DOT any change in its place of business or to surrender its license and dealer registration plates to DOT when the dealer, distributor, manufacturer, or transporter discontinues business or is subject to license revocation or suspension, may be required to forfeit not less than \$100 nor more than \$200.

**Effective Date:** The effective date of 2003 Wisconsin Act 215 is April 23, 2004.

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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.