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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

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**2009 Wisconsin Act 245**  
[2009 Senate Bill 489]

**Proof of Responsibility of  
Nonresident Driver to Reinstate  
Suspended License**

### **CURRENT LAW**

Under current law, any person whose operating privilege or vehicle registration has been suspended for failure to deposit security or demonstrate financial responsibility after an accident or judgment arising from an accident must provide, and maintain in effect, proof of financial responsibility as a condition of reinstatement of the operating privilege or vehicle registration unless at least three years have elapsed since the person became eligible for reinstatement of the operating privilege or vehicle registration. This applies to any resident or nonresident operator or owner of a motor vehicle involved in an accident in this state.

The Department of Transportation may also require proof of financial responsibility in other circumstances, including for issuance of an operator's license after revocation by this state of a person's operating privilege.

A nonresident may give proof of financial responsibility by furnishing certification of a motor vehicle liability insurance policy in effect for the benefit of the nonresident, issued by an insurer that satisfies specified requirements, which requirements are specific to nonresidents.

### **2009 WISCONSIN ACT 245**

2009 Wisconsin Act 245:

- Eliminates any requirement that nonresidents provide proof of financial responsibility with respect to reinstatement of a suspended operating privilege or registration in this state.
- Repeals the provision specifying the form of, and requirements related to, proof of financial responsibility provided by nonresidents.

**Effective date:** 2009 Wisconsin Act 245 takes effect on May 20, 2010.

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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.state.wi.us/>.