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## 1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 305

April 17, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives La Fave, Goetsch, Bock, Cullen, J. Lehman, Notestein, Riley and L. Young, cosponsored by Senator Moore. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

AN ACT *to amend* 66.079 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** authorizing a 1st class city to operate a city parking lot.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, any city, village or town may purchase, acquire, construct, operate or rent to a lessee a municipal parking lot, except that in a 1st class city (presently only Milwaukee), if a charge is made for parking in the parking lot and attendants are employed there, the parking lot must be operated under contract with private persons unless the city may not obtain reasonable terms and conditions.

This bill repeals the special provisions that apply to a 1st class city and allows a 1st class city to operate any city parking lot.

For further information see the *local* 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.** 66.079 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 66.079 (1) Any city, village or town without necessity of a referendum may purchase, acquire, rent from a lessor, construct, extend, add to, improve, conduct, operate or rent to a lessee a municipal parking system for the parking of vehicles,

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including parking lots and other parking facilities, upon its public streets or roads or public grounds and issue revenue bonds to acquire funds for any one or more of these purposes. The parking lots and other parking facilities may include space designed for leasing to private persons for purposes other than parking. If, in 1st class cities, a charge is made for parking privileges in a parking system or parking lot and attendants are employed there, the parking system or parking lot shall be operated under contract with private persons. No such contract is required if the 1st class city cannot obtain reasonable terms and conditions. The provisions of s. 66.066 governing the issuance of revenue bonds apply, so far as applicable, to revenue bonds issued under this subsection. The municipal parking systems are public utilities under article XI, section 3, of the constitution. Revenue bonds issued under this subsection are payable solely, both principal and interest, from the revenues to be derived from the parking system, including without limitation revenues from parking meters or other parking facilities. Any revenue derived from any facility financed by a revenue bond issued under this subsection shall be used only to pay the principal and interest of that revenue bond, except that after the principal and interest of that revenue bond have been paid in full the revenue derived from the facility may be used for any purpose.

19 (END)