



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2009 Senate Bill 37

Assembly Amendment 1

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The amendment addresses that portion of Senate Bill 37 that deals with payment of judgments for civil violations of state traffic regulations. Current law allows a court to suspend the driver's license of a person who fails to timely pay the forfeiture, costs, fees, and surcharges imposed by the judgment. Under Senate Bill 37, if the court determines that the defendant is unable to pay the judgment because of poverty (as defined), the court may not suspend the defendant's driver's license without first providing the defendant an opportunity to pay the judgment in installments, taking into account the defendant's income. Assembly Amendment 1 qualifies that limitation on the court to situations where the "defendant has notified the court that he or she is unable to pay the judgment because of poverty" (and the court then determines the defendant is unable to pay because of poverty).

Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representatives Grigsby and Seidel. The Assembly adopted the amendment on a voice vote and concurred in the proposal, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 53; Noes, 45.

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