



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2005 Wisconsin Act 317**  
[2005 Assembly Bill 450]

**Absolute Sobriety for Drivers Who  
are Under the Legal Drinking Age**

*2005 Wisconsin Act 317* increases the forfeiture for driving while under the legal drinking age (21 years) and having an alcohol concentration above 0.0 from \$10 to \$200. If, at the time of the violation, there is a passenger under 16 years of age in the vehicle, the forfeiture is increased from \$20 to \$400. In addition, the bill requires the Department of Transportation to assess four demerit points for such a conviction.

**Effective Date:** Act 317 takes effect on April 21, 2006.

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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/>.