



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2001 Assembly Bill 171	Assembly Amendments 1 and 2
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Current law provides criminal penalties for persons who violate statutes related to bomb scares, possession of a firearm in a school zone and discharge of a firearm in a school zone.

Assembly Bill 171 requires a two-year suspension of a driver's license for a person convicted of violating the prohibition against bomb scares, if the property involved is a school premises, or a violation of the statutes prohibiting possession of a firearm in a school zone or discharge of a firearm in a school zone. For a person whose license is currently suspended or revoked or for a person who does not currently possess a driver's license, the suspension is first effective on the date on which the person is first eligible, and applies, for issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a driver's license. Clerks of court are required to report these convictions to the Department of Transportation.

Assembly Amendment 1 includes, in the list of crimes for which a driver's license is suspended for two years, a conviction for a violation of the statute that prohibits carrying a firearm in a public building. The amendment also includes convictions for bomb scares that involve public buildings, in addition to bomb scares that involve school premises.

Assembly Amendment 2 provides that for a person whose driver's license is currently suspended or revoked or for a person who does not currently possess a valid driver's license, the two-year suspension is first effective on the date on which the person is eligible for issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of an operator's license, regardless of when the person applies for issuance, renewal, or reinstatement.

The Assembly Committee on Transportation recommended adoption of Assembly Amendments 1 and 2, and passage of Assembly Bill 171, as amended, all by votes of Ayes, 13, Noes, 0, on April 19, 2001.

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