



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 104

February 6, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives GARD, HUTCHISON, HANDRICK, SILBAUGH, LEHMAN, KAUFERT, WARD, BRANDEMUEHL, LADWIG, OTT, ZIEGELBAUER, GOETSCH, FREESE and GREEN, cosponsored by Senators PANZER, ROSENZWEIG and DARLING. Referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 343.30 (5); and **to create** 23.795 (3) of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** revocation or suspension of a person's operating privilege for failure to pay
3 a judgment entered for violating hunting, fishing and certain other laws.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law sets forth a procedure to be used by arresting officials and the courts for violations of hunting and fishing laws and certain other laws, most of which are administered by the department of natural resources. Under current law, if the defendant fails to appear in court at the time fixed in the complaint and has not made a deposit, the court may issue a summons or an arrest warrant or consider the nonappearance to be a plea of no contest and enter judgment against the defendant.

Current law allows courts to enter judgments for payments of forfeitures by defendants who are found guilty of violating these laws. Under current law, if the defendant fails to pay a forfeiture, a court may imprison the defendant for up to 5 days, or until the judgment is paid, or order the judgment modified or stayed. Instead of imprisoning the defendant, the court may revoke or suspend the defendant's hunting and fishing privileges. This bill allows the court to revoke or suspend the defendant's motor vehicle operating privileges for up to one year or until the judgment is paid.

For further information see the *state and 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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 23.795 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

