



2009 SENATE BILL 329

October 1, 2009 – Introduced by Senators TAYLOR, HOPPER, LEHMAN and ERPENBACH, cosponsored by Representatives PARISI, RICHARDS and BERCEAU. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Corrections, Insurance, Campaign Finance Reform, and Housing.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 814.65 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** municipal court fees.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, when a municipal courts finds that a person has violated an ordinance, the municipal court judge may collect a court fee of not less than \$15 nor more than \$28 from the person. Of that fee, the municipal treasurer forwards \$5 to the Department of Administration and retains the balance for use by the municipality.

This bill increases the maximum court fee to \$38.

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:

2 **SECTION 1.** 814.65 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

3 814.65 (1) COURT COSTS. In a municipal court action, except for an action for
4 a first violation of s. 23.33 (4c) (a) 2., 30.681 (1) (b) 1., 346.63 (1) (b), or 350.101 (1)
5 (b), if the person who committed the violation had a blood alcohol concentration of
6 0.08 or more but less than 0.1 at the time of the violation, or for a violation of an

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1 ordinance in conformity with s. 343.51 (1m) (b) or 347.48 (2m), the municipal judge
2 shall collect a fee of not less than \$15 nor more than ~~\$28~~ \$38 on each separate matter,
3 whether it is on default of appearance, a plea of guilty or no contest, on issuance of
4 a warrant or summons, or the action is tried as a contested matter. Of each fee
5 received by the judge under this subsection, the municipal treasurer shall pay
6 monthly \$5 to the secretary of administration for deposit in the general fund and
7 shall retain the balance for the use of the municipality.

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(END)