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2017 SENATE BILL 98

March 9, 2017 - Introduced by Senators TESTIN, FEYEN, COWLES, RINGHAND, CRAIG, WANGGAARD and VINEHOUT, cosponsored by Representatives PRONSCHINSKE, SWEARINGEN, KITCHENS, JAGLER, SCHRAA, TITTL, HORLACHER, BALLWEG, E. BROOKS, KNODL, EDMING, KATZMA, ALLEN, R. BROOKS, THIESFELDT, RIPP, SUMMERFIELD, TRANEL and TUSLER. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Veterans Affairs.

1 AN ACT *to amend* 85.55 of the statutes; **relating to:** the safe-ride grant
2 program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Transportation administers a safe-ride grant program under which it may award grants to a county, municipality, or nonprofit corporation to cover the costs of transporting, from a bar or other premises licensed to sell alcohol beverages to a residence, a person suspected of being too intoxicated to legally drive. The grant amount cannot exceed 80 percent of the costs necessary to provide the service. Under this bill, DOT may also award grants to cover the costs of advertising a safe-ride service.

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:

3 SECTION 1. 85.55 of the statutes is amended to read:
4 **85.55 Safe-ride grant program.** The department may award grants to any
5 county or municipality or to any nonprofit corporation, as defined in s. 66.0129 (6)
6 (b), to cover the costs of transporting persons suspected of having a prohibited alcohol

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1 concentration, as defined in s. 340.01 (46m), from any premises licensed under ch.
2 125 to sell alcohol beverages to their places of residence or to cover the costs of
3 advertising the availability of a service provided by the county, municipality, or
4 nonprofit corporation transporting persons suspected of having a prohibited alcohol
5 concentration, as defined in s. 340.01 (46m) from any premises licensed under ch. 125
6 to sell alcohol beverages to their places of residence. The amount of a grant under
7 this section may not exceed 80 percent of the costs necessary to provide the service.
8 The liability of a provider of a safe-ride program to persons transported under the
9 program is limited to the amounts required for an automobile liability policy under
10 s. 344.15 (1). Grants awarded under this section shall be paid from the appropriation
11 under s. 20.395 (5) (ek).

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