



## 2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 237

August 30, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives KLEEFISCH, DANOU, FARROW and KNILANS, cosponsored by Senator WANGGAARD. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Corrections.

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 175.39 of the statutes; **relating to:** authorization to make  
2             arrests for activities punishable by civil forfeiture.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Current law grants specific authority to law enforcement officers to arrest for violations of criminal procedures, noncriminal traffic offenses, and ordinances and grants specific authority to law enforcement officers employed by cities to arrest for violations of any law. This bill specifies that any law enforcement officer may arrest a person for violating a law that constitutes a civil forfeiture if the law enforcement officer has reasonable grounds to believe that the person is violating or has violated the law.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

3             **SECTION 1.** 175.39 of the statutes is created to read:  
4             **175.39 Arrest by a law enforcement officer.** In addition to the arrest  
5             powers under s. 968.07, a law enforcement officer may arrest a person for a law

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1 violation that is punishable by a civil forfeiture if the arresting officer has reasonable  
2 grounds to believe that the person is violating or has violated the law.

3 (END)