



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 341

August 23, 2013 - Introduced by Representatives KAUFERT, BALLWEG, BERNIER, BROOKS, THIESFELDT, SCHRAA, STONE, LEMAHIEU, A. OTT and BIES, cosponsored by Senators HARS DORF and ERPENBACH. Referred to Committee on State and Local Finance.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber* 71.935 (4); *to amend* 71.935 (1) (a); and *to create* 71.935
2 (4) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** setoffs against tax refunds for debts related
3 to providing ambulance services.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, if a person owes a debt of at least \$20 to a county or municipality, and if the debt has been reduced to a judgment or the county or municipality has provided the debtor reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard with regards to the debt, the county or municipality may certify the debt to the Department of Revenue (DOR) so that DOR may collect the debt for the county or municipality by subtracting the amount of the debt from any tax refund owed to the debtor. Under this bill, counties and municipalities may also certify to DOR for collection debts owed to an ambulance service operating pursuant to a contract with the county or municipality, if the debt relates to providing ambulance services to individuals in that municipality or county.

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.** 71.935 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 71.935 (1) (a) "Debt" means a parking citation of at least \$20 that is unpaid and
 2 for which there has been no court appearance by the date specified in the citation or,
 3 if no date is specified, that is unpaid for at least 28 days; an unpaid fine, fee,
 4 restitution or forfeiture of at least \$20; and any other debt that is at least \$20,
 5 including debt related to property taxes, if the debt has been reduced to a judgment
 6 or the municipality or county to which the debt is owed has provided the debtor
 7 reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard with regard to the debt. For
 8 purposes of this subsection, a debt owed to an ambulance service operating on behalf
 9 of or in service to a municipality or county, or pursuant to a contract with a
 10 municipality or county under s. 59.54 (1), 60.565, 61.64, or 62.133, is considered a
 11 debt owed to the municipality or county, if the debt relates to providing ambulance
 12 services to individuals in that municipality or county as a result of responding to
 13 requests that originate from a government-operated 911 call center.

14 **SECTION 2.** 71.935 (4) of the statutes is renumbered 71.935 (4) (a).

15 **SECTION 3.** 71.935 (4) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

16 71.935 (4) (b) Within 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter, each
 17 municipality and county that has received amounts from the department during that
 18 calendar quarter for debts owed to an ambulance service operating pursuant to a
 19 contract under s. 59.54 (1), 60.565, 61.64, or 62.133 shall pay the amounts to the
 20 ambulance service.

21 (END)