



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
ACT MEMO**

2015 Wisconsin Act 45
[2015 Assembly Bill 19]

**Unlawful Use of a Global
Positioning Device**

Act 45 makes it a Class A misdemeanor for a person to either: place a global positioning device, or a device equipped with global positioning technology, on a vehicle owned by another person without that person's consent; or intentionally obtain information regarding another person's movement or location generated by a global positioning device or a device equipped with global positioning technology that has been placed without that person's consent.

The Act's prohibitions do not apply to any of the following:

- A motor vehicle manufacturer or a person, acting within the scope of his or her employment, who installs an in-vehicle subscription based communication or navigation telematics system.
- A device installed by or with the permission of the vehicle owner for automobile insurance rating, underwriting, or claims handling purposes.
- A law enforcement officer acting in his or her official capacity.
- A parent or guardian acting to track the movement or location of his or her minor child or his or her ward.
- A lienholder or agent of a lienholder acting to track the movement or location of a motor vehicle in order to repossess the motor vehicle.
- An employer or business owner acting to track the movement or location of a motor vehicle owned, leased, or assigned for use by the employer or business owner.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.