



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
AMENDMENT MEMO**

2015 Assembly Bill 171

Assembly Amendment 1

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2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 171

2015 Assembly Bill 171 prohibits driving a motor vehicle while wearing headphones over, or earbuds in, both ears. The bill provides exemptions for sanitation workers and people who are operating authorized emergency or roadside service vehicles, operating a motorcycle while wearing a helmet with integrated headphones, or wearing headphones or earbuds as part of a device designed to be used as a hearing aid. The bill provides that the penalty for violating this prohibition is a forfeiture of not less than \$20 nor more than \$40 for the first offense and not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 for the second or subsequent conviction within a year.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 to 2015 Assembly Bill 171 removes the bill's prohibition against driving a motor vehicle while wearing earbuds in both ears.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Bill 171 was offered by Representative Spiros on May 19, 2015. On May 26, 2015, the Assembly Committee on Transportation voted to recommend adoption of the amendment, on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0; and Absent, 3. On the same day, the committee voted to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0; and Absent, 3.

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