

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF MEMORANDUM

Memo No. 8

TO: MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON STRENGHTENING WISCONSIN

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FROM: Scott Grosz, Staff Attorney

RE: 2006 Driver License Withdrawals by Reason of Conviction

DATE: July 24, 2007

This Memo responds to the question, raised by the committee at its June 18, 2007 meeting, of the number of driver license suspensions or revocations in the state. The enclosed chart, maintained by the Department of Transportation, contains information on suspensions and revocations of operating privileges that occurred in 2006.

Statewide in 2006, 417,924 people had their license withdrawn (revoked or suspended). Of those withdrawals, 231,164 occurred for non-traffic reasons. The enclosed chart highlights the withdrawals for non-traffic reasons. In particular, failure to pay forfeitures and the equivalent juvenile offense accounted for 173,803 and 22,962 withdrawals, respectively. 4,254 people had their license withdrawn for failure to pay support. 14,849 people had their license withdrawn for drug convictions.

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