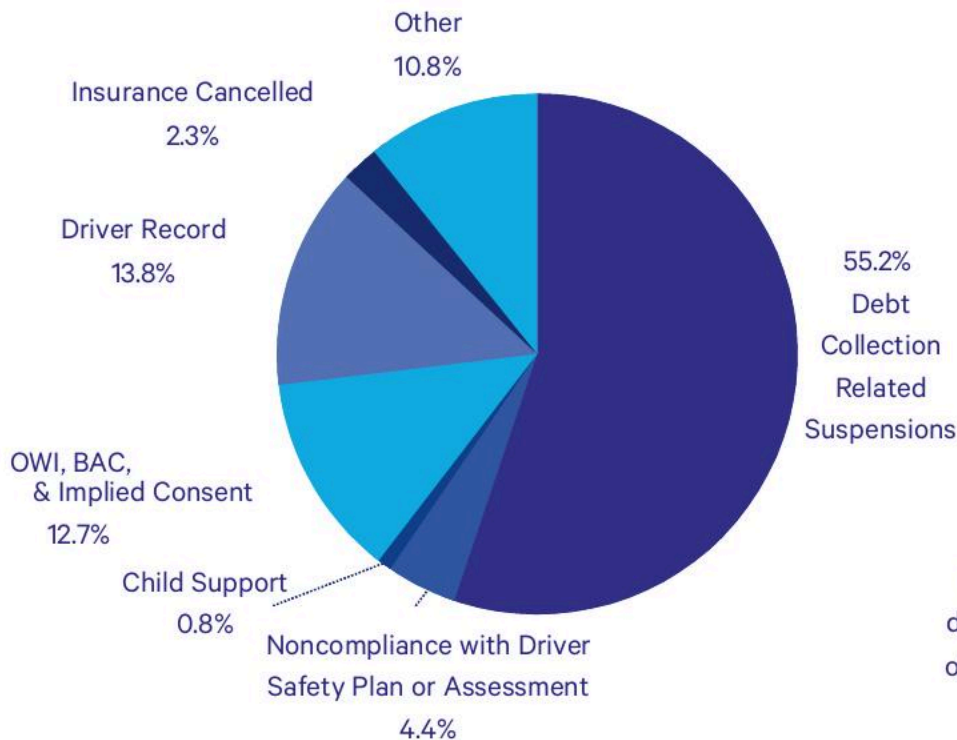


WI SB 410 will harm Legal Action of Wisconsin clients by treating Operating While Suspended as a safety violation when it is often caused by poverty



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The only purpose of "Failure to Pay Forfeiture" driver's license suspensions is to coerce payment of debt. This type of driver's license suspension is often caused by poverty.

The chart above is a visualization of the following data points from the last decade in Wisconsin: Debt collection suspensions 2,016,155; Noncompliance with Driver Safety Plan or Assessment 159,999; Child Support 32,498; OWI, BAC, and Implied Consent 463,344; Driver Record 504,554; Insurance Cancelled 82,998; Other 395,011.

OPERATING WHILE SUSPENDED IS NOT A SAFETY VIOLATION -- TARGETING THAT VIOLATION FOR ENHANCED PUNISHMENT WILL DISPROPORTIONATELY HARM PEOPLE EXPERIENCING POVERTY AND PEOPLE OF COLOR

In Wisconsin, Black men were 4.5 times more likely to have a suspended driver's license than white men and Latinx men were 3.2 times more likely to have a suspended driver's license than non-Hispanic white men. -- UWM Employment & Training Institute

“Debt-related restrictions on driving privileges force an impossible choice: stop driving and lose everything — or keep driving and risk more fines and fees, criminal charges, arrest and jail time. Driver's license suspensions trigger a decades-long cycle of poverty and punishment that many people never escape. For the 86% of Americans that drive to work — losing the ability to drive also means losing the ability to work, provide for your family, and get medical care.”
-- The Free to Drive Coalition Report

“A person whose driver's license is suspended will often find it more difficult to earn a living and therefore pay the debt they owe to the government. The number of individuals with a suspended license also places a burden on the limited resources of law enforcement. This resolution encourages state policymakers to revise laws to limit driver's license suspensions imposed for violations against the government to conduct that involves offenders with dangerous driving such as drunk driving or multiple moving violations.”
-- The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC)

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