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<b>2003 Wisconsin Act 80</b> [2003 Assembly Bill 232]	<b>Theft of Fuel</b>
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2003 Wisconsin Act 80 creates a penalty for leaving a gas station without paying for gasoline or diesel fuel.

Under the Act, whoever, having obtained gasoline or diesel fuel from a service station, garage, or other place where gasoline is sold at retail or offered for sale at retail, intentionally absconds without paying for the gasoline or fuel is subject to a \$200 forfeiture. For a subsequent offense, the person is subject to the following additional penalties:

- For a second offense, the court *may* suspend the person's driver's license for not more than six months.
- For a third offense, the court *must* suspend the person's driver's license for not more than six months.
- For a fourth offense, the court *must* suspend the person's driver's license for one year.

The bill also allows a person who owns a service station, garage, or other place where gasoline or diesel fuel is sold to bring a civil action for the retail value of the gasoline or diesel fuel against a person who absconds without paying for such gasoline or fuel.

**Effective Date:** The Act takes effect on December 6, 2003.

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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.

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