



1995 SENATE BILL 105

March 9, 1995 - Introduced by Senators DRZEWIECKI, FITZGERALD, BUETTNER, COWLES, RUDE, A. LASEE and PANZER, cosponsored by Representatives GOETSCH, LEHMAN, KAUFERT, JENSEN, DOBYNS, FOTI, GARD, KELSO and OWENS. Referred to Committee on State Government Operations and Corrections.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 303.06 (1); and **to create** 303.01 (2) (er) and 303.06 (3) of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** prison industries.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the department of corrections (DOC) administers a prison industries program for the employment of inmates. This bill permits DOC to lease space within prisons to one private business to employ inmates to provide services to that business consistent with the goal of providing training and work experience for those inmates. The business would not be run as a prison industry, except in regard to approval of the business by the prison industries board, payment and disposition of inmate wages, eligibility of inmate employes for worker's compensation benefits and the authority of DOC to maintain security and control in correctional institutions. The private business would not be subject to prison industry provisions that do all of the following:

1. Require a hearing about the proposed industry by the joint committee on finance.
2. Require adherence to state purchasing requirements, such as the general requirement to purchase from the lowest responsible bidder.
3. Prohibit the sale of many products on the open market.
4. Require the sale of products by prison industries sales personnel.
5. Include all the industries in a manufacturing and marketing plan and a separate accounting system.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 303.01 (2) (er) of the statutes is created to read:

