



1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 561

October 17, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives NOTESTEIN, BLACK, GROTHMAN, CARPENTER, JESKEWITZ, J. LEHMAN, PLOUFF, MURAT, POWERS, BOCK, MEYER, ALBERS, MUSSER, HASENOHRL, SYKORA, BOYLE, F. LASEE, R. POTTER and MORRIS-TATUM, cosponsored by Senators WIRCH and PLACHE. Referred to Committee on Wisconsin Works Oversight.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 49.145 (3) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** disregarding
2 modifications to a vehicle to accommodate persons with disabilities from asset
3 consideration under the Wisconsin works program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, under the Wisconsin works (W-2) program, a person must meet certain financial and nonfinancial criteria to be eligible for W-2. The person may not, for example, be part of a W-2 group that has assets that exceed \$2,500 in value. In determining the total equity value of assets, the W-2 agency must exclude the equity value of vehicles up to a total equity value of \$10,000 and one home that serves as the homestead for the W-2 group.

This bill prohibits a W-2 agency from including in the calculation of the total equity value of vehicles the value of any modifications made to a vehicle to accommodate a person with a disability.

For further information see the *state and local* 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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 49.145 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

ASSEMBLY BILL 561**SECTION 1**

1 49.145 (3) (a) *Resource limitations.* The individual is a member of a Wisconsin
2 works group whose assets do not exceed \$2,500 in combined equity value. In
3 determining the combined equity value of assets, the Wisconsin works agency shall
4 exclude the equity value of vehicles up to a total equity value of \$10,000, and one
5 home that serves as the homestead for the Wisconsin works group. In determining
6 the equity value of the vehicles, the Wisconsin works agency may not consider any
7 modifications made to any of the vehicles to accommodate a person with a disability.

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