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## 2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 942

February 24, 2020 - Introduced by Representatives TITTL, BRANDTJEN, DITTRICH, EDMING, JAMES, KULP, SKOWRONSKI, SORTWELL, C. TAYLOR, TUSLER, WICHGERS and SPREITZER, cosponsored by Senator BEWLEY. Referred to Committee on Corrections.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 301.32 (1m) of the statutes; **relating to:** the value of tangible  
2 personal property allowed in state correctional facilities.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current rules promulgated by the Department of Corrections, a prisoner or resident of a state correctional institution may not possess personal property with a value exceeding \$75, except that he or she may possess a musical instrument or electronic item with a value up to \$350 and may possess any item that is medically prescribed. Under this bill, a prisoner or resident of a state correctional institution may not possess personal property with a value exceeding \$125, or a musical instrument or electronic item with a value exceeding \$600. Under the bill, there is no limit for items that are medically prescribed. Under the bill, the allowable value for personal property increases each year to account for inflation.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 301.32 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:  
4 301.32 **(1m)** PERSONAL PROPERTY; ALLOWABLE VALUE. (a) A prisoner or resident  
5 of a state correctional institution may possess a musical instrument or individual or  
6 combination electronic item with a purchase value not to exceed \$600. The purchase

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1 value of other items except those that are medically prescribed may not exceed \$125  
2 for each item.

3 (b) The value limits established under par. (a) shall be adjusted annually by a  
4 percentage equal to the average of the consumer price index over the preceding  
5 12-month period, all items, U.S. city average, as determined by the bureau of labor  
6 statistics of the federal department of labor, except that the percentage under this  
7 subsection may not be less than zero.

8 (END)