

**FISCAL ESTIMATE**

DOA-2048 N(R10/98)

X ORIGINAL       UPDATED  
 CORRECTED       SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.  
**SB 124 (LRB-2374/2)**

Amendment No. if Applicable

**Subject**

Permitting certain individuals to make written requests for medication for the purpose of ending their lives

**Fiscal Effect**

State:  No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

- Increase Existing Appropriation       Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Appropriation       Decrease Existing Revenues
- Create New Appropriation

Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget  Yes  No

Decrease Costs

Local:  No local government costs

- 1.  Increase Costs  
 Permissive       Mandatory
- 2.  Decrease Costs  
 Permissive       Mandatory

- 3.  Increase Revenues  
 Permissive       Mandatory
- 4.  Decrease Revenues  
 Permissive       Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:

- Towns       Villages       Cities
- Counties       Others \_\_\_\_\_
- School Districts       WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**

X GPR     FED     PRO     PRS     SEG     SEG-S

**Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

s. 20.550 (1)(d)

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

This bill creates three new crimes relating to a person making a request to his or her attending physician for medication for the purpose of ending his or her life if the person is of sound mind, is not incapacitated, is at least 18 years of age, is a resident of Wisconsin and has a terminal disease.

Because this bill creates three new crimes, one misdemeanor and two felonies, it is possible that the State Public Defender's Office (SPD) would handle additional cases upon enactment of this bill. The SPD cannot, however, predict the number of cases it may handle if this bill is passed. The number of additional cases handled by the SPD would depend upon (1) the number of persons who are charged with the crimes created in the bill and (2) of those who are charged, the number of persons who would qualify for SPD representation.

The SPD has no data from which to estimate local government costs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

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