

Fiscal Estimate - 2003 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number **03-2233/1** Introduction Number **AB-277**

Subject
Prohibiting the sale of mercury fever thermometers

Fiscal Effect

State:

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
 - Increase Existing Appropriations
 - Decrease Existing Appropriations
 - Create New Appropriations
- Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Revenues
- Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 - Yes No
- Decrease Costs

Local:

- No Local Government Costs
- Indeterminate
- 1. Increase Costs Permissive Mandatory
- 2. Decrease Costs Permissive Mandatory
- 3. Increase Revenue Permissive Mandatory
- 4. Decrease Revenue Permissive Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
 - Towns Village Cities
 - Counties Others
 - School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**
 GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEGS 20.115(1)(a)

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill bans the sale, or offering for sale, of mercury fever thermometers, and establishes a seven-month delayed effective date.

DATCP estimates as many as 820,000 thermometer sales in Wisconsin per year, half of which are presumed to be mercury-containing. This is based on a 2001 product flow analysis of these products conducted for the State of Minnesota. Annual retail sales of mercury fever thermometers in Wisconsin are a small fraction of these totals, estimated at 40,000 thermometers annually. The actual number of mercury fever thermometers sold in the state could also be substantially less due to ongoing efforts by major retail pharmacy chains to phase out mercury fever thermometer inventories and similar product bans among various state and local jurisdictions. Currently, at least 8 states and 12 Wisconsin municipalities have banned the sale of mercury fever thermometers.

Costs associated with administration and enforcement of the revised product ban will be minimal. The Department assumes some initial educational outreach, most of which can be directed toward trade and professional associations and corporate retailers, or as part of ongoing public information activities. Compliance monitoring can be limited to retail outlets and handled as part of existing retail marketplace surveillance activities. The Department anticipates that investigation and enforcement activities will be largely complaint-driven, and estimates about 5 complaints during the first year. Total costs are not expected to exceed \$3,000 during the first year. DATCP assumes these activities can be absorbed as part of current staff responsibilities.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2003 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
None			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$2,500	
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs		500	
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category		\$3,000	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR		3,000	
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, ets.)			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes		\$	\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues		\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$3,000	\$\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$\$	\$\$
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