



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Senate Bill 431

Senate Amendment 1

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Under **current law**, instead of paying local general property taxes, a car line company annually pays a state tax that is equal to 3% of the company's gross earnings. A car line company is a business that, generally, leases railroad cars and other railroad transportation equipment to a railroad.

Under the **bill**, the tax on a car line company is equal to 2.25% of the company's gross earnings. This bill specifies that if the bill is enacted into law, the new law first applies to the assessment year **2005** and to tax payments due no later than **September 10, 2004**.

Senate Amendment 1 changes the initial applicability provision to specify that the new law would first apply to the assessment year **2006** and to tax payments due no later than **September 10, 2005**.

Legislative History: On March 4, 2004, the Senate Committee on Transportation and Information Infrastructure recommended passage of Senate Bill 431 (as amended by Senate Amendment 1, which was adopted on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0) on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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