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Speaker of the Assembly

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April 23, 2003

Mr. Patrick Fuller
Chief Clerk
Wisconsin State Assembly
Room 208, Risser Justice Center
17 West Main Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53708

Dear Patrick:

Pursuant to Assembly Rule 42(3)(c), I am withdrawing AB 45 from the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and re-referring it to the Assembly Committee on State and Local Affairs. I have the consent of Representative Michael Lehman, chairman of the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means, to take this action.

Please call Ellen Nowak of my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John G. Gard
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Speaker

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cc: Representative Michael Lehman
Representative Scott Gunderson
Representative Lorraine Seratti



John Gard

Speaker of the Assembly

May 15, 2003

Mr. Patrick Fuller
Chief Clerk
Wisconsin State Assembly
Room 208, Risser Justice Center
17 West Main Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53708

Dear Patrick:

The following bills were jointly referred to the Assembly Ways and Means Committee and the Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions pursuant to Assembly Rule 42(1)(am): AB 138, 168, 171 and 234. Under Assembly Rule 42(3)(c), I am withdrawing these bills from the Ways and Means Committee so that they are in the sole possession of the Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions.

Also, I am withdrawing Assembly Bills 10, 127 and 167 from the Ways and Means Committee and referring them to the Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions.

It is my intention to re-refer all of the above mentioned bills to the Ways and Means committee after the Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions has issued a report on each proposal. I have obtained the consent of Representative Michael Lehman, chairman of the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means prior to making this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John G. Gard".

John G. Gard
Speaker
Wisconsin Assembly

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cc: Representative Michael Lehman
Representative Michael Powers
Senator Michael Ellis

May 12, 2003

Speaker John Gard
ATTN: Ellen Nowak
Room 211 West
State Capitol

Dear Speaker Gard:

The following bills have been jointly referred to the Assembly Ways and Means Committee and the Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions: Assembly Bills 138, 168, 171, and 234. In addition, the Ways and Means Committee has held public hearings on AB 10 and AB 127; and we have a public hearing scheduled for AB 167 on Wednesday, May 14th.

The statutes state that after a tax exemption proposal is introduced, it shall "at once" be referred to the Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions and "shall not be considered further by either house" until the Committee has submitted a written report on the proposal. The statutes clearly contemplate that a tax exemption bill is to be referred to the Joint Survey Committee before referral to a standing committee.

Therefore, I am hereby requesting that these bills be referred solely to the Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions following our public hearing on Wednesday, May 14th.

Respectfully,

Michael "Mickey" Lehman, Chair
Assembly Ways and Means Committee

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Municipal Treasurers Assn.
President: Myra Piergrassi
Town of Menasha
920-720-7106

Co. Treasurers

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President: Jenny Huber
Oneida Co. - Rhinelander

715-369-6137

Halverson, Vicky

From: Ford, William
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2003 4:57 PM
To: Halverson, Vicky
Subject: RE: Document1

In place of the second sentence I suggest: The statutes state that after a tax exemption proposal is introduced it shall "at once" be referred to the JSCRS and "shall not be considered further by either house" until the Committee has submitted a written report on the proposal. The statutes clearly contemplate that a tax exemption bill is to be referred to the Joint Survey Committee before referral to a standing committee. Therefore, I am hereby requesting that these bill be referred solely to the Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions following our public hearing on Wednesday, May 14th.

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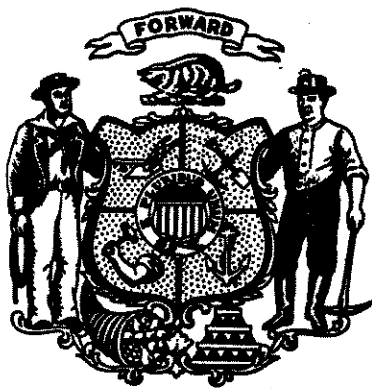
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Hi Bill;

Mickey has asked me to send this letter to the Speaker's office. I know you guys discussed this issue earlier this afternoon. I wanted to run this by you prior to sending it upstairs. Could you let me know your thought? Thanks.

Vicky

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None needed

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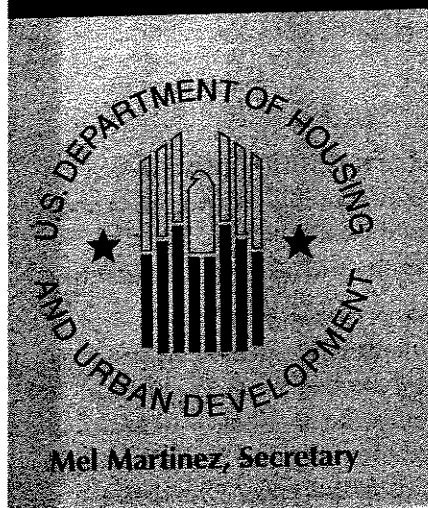
CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 23, 2003
TO: Wisconsin Legislators
FROM: ~~John A. Secos~~
Deputy Secretary

SUBJECT: Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act Information

In recent weeks numerous legislative offices have contacted me concerning financial obligations on the home front of military personnel while they are serving the nation. The attached Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act flyer from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development explains the rights of service members who are protecting our country.

Please contact me at 266-2256 if you have any questions.



Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act Information

While protecting the United States during the war on terrorism, some servicemen and servicewomen may face difficulty in meeting certain financial obligations at home, such as rent or mortgage payments, if they are activated for military duty. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has taken steps to ensure that service members protecting our country do not suffer the added burden of worrying about the loss of a home.

"When our sons and daughters in uniform are called upon to serve this great Nation, we will stand behind them," stated Secretary Mel Martinez days after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. "We want to reassure our servicemen and women that while they are focused on protecting America, we will do everything we can to protect their families' housing needs."

Secretary Martinez has advised lenders of mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) to lower interest rates to no more than 6 percent for military personnel on active duty in accordance with the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 (SSCRA). The Secretary also advised FHA-approved lenders that foreclosure sales during service members' active duty are illegal under SSCRA unless permitted by a court and asked them to postpone principal payments for military members during active duty and 3 months thereafter.

Secretary Martinez has announced that Ginnie Mae, the Nation's guarantor of mortgage-backed securities, has retroactively lowered costs on loans to American military members following September 11, 2001. The policy includes all active-duty personnel eligible for this reduction in the interest rate, not just those stationed in certain regions or conflicts. Ginnie Mae is helping its approved lenders reduce lending and processing costs by reimbursing them for the interest shortfall, saving lenders an estimated \$6 million annually in lost interest. The change will allow lenders to be reimbursed for more of the interest shortfalls that they have traditionally had to absorb.

Military personnel should learn about the SSCRA and the protections and benefits it provides for themselves and their families. The SSCRA can provide many forms of relief to military members. Below are some of the most common forms of relief.

Know Your Rights Under the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act

Mortgage Relief. The SSCRA can provide temporary relief from paying a mortgage. To obtain relief, a military member must show that (a) his or her mortgage was entered into before beginning active duty, (b) the property was owned prior to entry into military service, (c) the property is still owned by the military member, and (d) military service materially affects the member's ability to pay the mortgage.

Termination of Leases. The SSCRA also allows military members who are just entering active-duty service to lawfully terminate a lease without repercussions. To do this, the service member needs to show (a) that the lease was

entered into prior to the commencement of active-duty service, (b) that the lease was signed by, or on behalf of, the service member, and (c) that the service member is currently in active military service.

Protection From Eviction. An active-duty military member who leases a house or apartment can prevent an eviction for a period of time, usually 3 months. The dwelling must be occupied by either the active-duty member or by his or her dependents, and the rent cannot exceed \$1,200 a month.

Additionally, the military member must show that military service materially affects his or her ability to pay rent. A landlord who continues to try to evict a military member, or does actually evict the member, is subject to criminal sanctions, such as fines or even imprisonment. If a military member feels that an eviction is imminent, he or she should continue paying rent and should consult a legal-assistance attorney.

6-Percent Cap on Interest Rates. Under the SSCRA, a military member can cap the interest rate at 6 percent for all obligations entered into before beginning active duty. This can include interest rates on credit cards, mortgages, and even some student loans (except for Federal guaranteed student loans), to name a few. To qualify for the interest rate cap, the military member has to show that he or she is now on active duty, that the obligation or debt was incurred prior to entry on active duty, and that military service materially affects the member's ability to pay. The military member needs to send a letter (along with a copy of current military orders) to the lender requesting relief under the SSCRA. The interest rate cap lasts for the duration of active-duty service.

Stay of Proceedings. If an active-duty military member is sued, he or she can obtain a "stay" or postponement of those proceedings. A stay can be used to stop the action altogether or to hold up some phase of it. According to the SSCRA, he or she can request a stay during any stage of the proceedings. However, the burden is on the military member to show that military service has materially affected the ability to appear in court. In general, he or she can request

a stay for a reasonable period of time (30–60 days). For example, if a military member is sued for divorce, he or she can put off the hearing for some period of time, but it is unlikely that a court will delay the proceedings indefinitely.

Reopening Default Judgments. A default judgment is entered against a party who has failed to defend against a claim that has been brought by another party. To obtain a default judgment, a plaintiff must file an affidavit (written declaration of fact) stating that the defendant is not in the military service and has not requested a stay. If an active-duty military member is subject to a default judgment, he or she can reopen the default judgment by taking several steps. First, the military member must show that the judgment was entered during military service or within 30 days after leaving the service. Second, he or she must write to the court requesting the default judgment be reopened while still on active duty or within 90 days of leaving the service. Third, he or she must not have made any kind of appearance in court, through filing an answer or otherwise, prior to the default judgment. Finally, the military member must indicate that military service prejudiced the ability to defend himself or herself and show that he or she had a valid defense.

The SSCRA actually provides many more protections than those listed above, and the Supreme Court has ruled the SSCRA must be read with "an eye friendly to those who dropped their affairs to answer their country's call." **Military legal assistance attorneys are available to provide guidance on the SSCRA.**

Resources

For mortgage information:

HUD National Servicing Center
500 West Main Street, Suite 400
Oklahoma City, OK 73102
Phone: (888) 297-8685
TTY: (405) 553-7480
Fax: (405) 553-7405

National Servicing Center Website:

www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/nsc/nschome.cfm

E-mail: hsg-lossmit@hud.gov

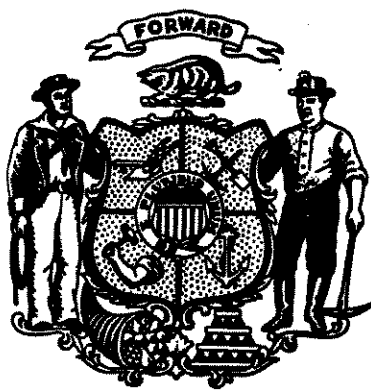
For other information:

HUD Veterans Resource Center (HUDVET)
P.O. Box 7189
Gaithersburg, MD 20898-7189
Phone: (800) 998-9999
TTY: (800) 483-2209
Fax: (301) 519-5027

HUDVET Website: www.hud.gov/hudvet

HUDVET E-mail: HUDVET@hud.gov

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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Committee on Ways and Means

Date: 3/5/03

Meeting Type: Public Hearing

Location: Rm 415 NW

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Committee on Ways and Means

Date: 3/9/04 Meeting Type: Public Hearing

Location: 415 NW

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Vicky Halverson

Vicky Halverson
Committee Clerk

Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Committee on Ways and Means

Date: 3/9/04

Meeting Type: Executive Session

Location: 415 NW

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Committee Clerk

Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Committee on Ways and Means

Date: 4/2/03

Meeting Type: Public Hearing

Location: 415 N.W., Capitol

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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Committee on Ways and Means

Date: 4/2/03 Meeting Type: Executive Session

Location: 415 NW, Capitol

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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Committee on Ways and Means

Date: 4/16/03 Meeting Type: Public Hearing

Location: 415 Northwest

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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Committee on Ways and Means

Date: 4/16/03

Meeting Type: Executive Session

Location: 415 N.W.

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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Committee on Ways and Means

Date: 5/14/03 Meeting Type: Public Hearing
 Location: 415 N.W., Capitol

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Committee on Ways and Means

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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Committee on Ways and Means

Date: 5/28/03 Meeting Type: Executive Session
Location: 415 NW

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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Committee on Ways and Means

Date: 6/11/03 Meeting Type: Public Hearing

Location: 415 Northwest

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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Committee on Ways and Means

Date: 6/18/03

Meeting Type: Public Hearing

Location: 415 N.W.

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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Committee on Ways and Means

Date: 6/18/03

Meeting Type: Executive Session

Location: 415 N.W.

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Totals: 13 0 1

Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Committee on Ways and Means

Date: 8/6/03 Meeting Type: Public Hearing

Location: 415 Northwest

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Totals: 13 0 1

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Committee Clerk

Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Committee on Ways and Means

Date: 8/6/03

Meeting Type: Executive Session

Location: 415 Northwest

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Committee on Ways and Means

Date: 9/17/03 Meeting Type: Public Hearing

Location: 415 NW

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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Committee on Ways and Means

Date: 9/17/03 Meeting Type: Executive Session

Location: 415 NW

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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Committee on Ways and Means

Date: 10/6/03 Meeting Type: Public Hearing
Location: 412 East

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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Committee on Ways and Means

Date: 10/15/03 Meeting Type: Public Hearing

Location: 415 N.W.

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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Committee on Ways and Means

Date: 10/15/03 Meeting Type: Executive Session

Location: 415 NW

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Committee Clerk

Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Committee on Ways and Means

Date: 11/19/03 Meeting Type: Public Hearing

Location: 415 Northwest

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Committee Clerk

Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Committee on Ways and Means

Date: 12/3/03 Meeting Type: Executive Session

Location: 415 NW.

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Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

Committee on Ways and Means

Date: 1/21/04 Meeting Type: Executive Session

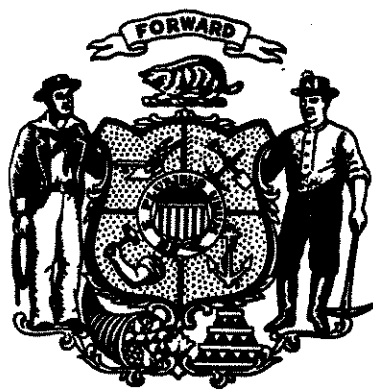
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Halverson, Vicky

From: Jeskewitz, Suzanne
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2003 4:47 PM
To: Lehman, Michael
Subject: RE: Ways & Means P.H./E.S. May 14, 2003

Hi, Mickey.

I'm sorry I cannot attend the May 14 committee hearing and exec. I need to be in St. Thomas through Sunday of that week in my capacity as Chair of the Midwestern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments.

Sue

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Per Lance 3/11

Frank Lasee will

not be able to

attend PH/ES on

4/2/03.

They will submit

a letter indicating

how he would vote.

Halverson, Vicky

From: Rep.Hahn
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2004 8:47 AM
To: Rep.Olsen; Rep.LehmanM
Cc: Halverson, Vicky; Pluta, Mary
Subject: Committee Hearings/Exec - Tuesday March 9, 2004

Luther & Mickey:

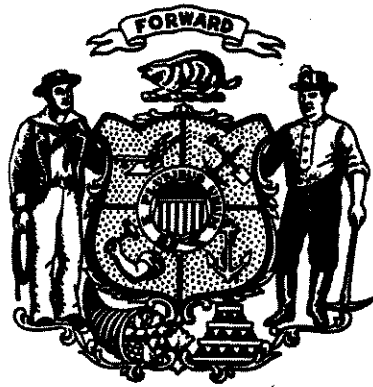
I had a close friend pass away over the weekend. Visitation and Funeral services will be held tomorrow morning. Therefore I will be unable to attend the hearing/exec sessions that are planned in your respective committees.

Thank you,

Gene

WHILE YOU WERE AWAY						
FOR	Mickey	DATE	6/16	TIME	8:55	A.M. P.M.
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Her grandson is graduating.				WANTS TO SEE YOU		
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January 28, 2003

Mr. Donald J. Langenfeld, S.C.
120 N. Main Street
P.O. Box 270260
Hartford, WI 53027-0260

Dear Donald:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing your concerns regarding added complications in preparing state income tax returns because we did not adopt the federal 30% bonus depreciation provision. I appreciate hearing from you on this matter.

I met with the Secretary of the Department of Revenue, Michael Morgan, this morning. We will be looking at this, as well as updates that may be needed to meet recent I.R.S. code revisions. I will update you on the status of these changes as they come forth.

Respectfully,

MICHAEL "Mickey" LEHMAN
State Representative
99th Assembly District

ML:vlh

Donald J. Langenfeld, S.C.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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DONALD J. LANGENFELD, C.P.A.
GRETCHEN M. VICKNEY, C.P.A.

January 24, 2003

HARTFORD: 262-673-6322
FAX: 262-673-7792
E-MAIL: djlcpa@netwurx.net

Representative Michael Lehman
1317 Honeysuckle
Hartford, WI 53027

Dear Mr. Lehman:

I understand why our state legislators did not adopt the federal 30% bonus depreciation because of the budget shortfall. However, there are many potential additional complications to preparing Wisconsin returns because many Wisconsin deductions must be recalculated based on the Internal Revenue Code as of 12/31/99 using Schedule I.


For example, allowable retirement plan contributions for self-employed individuals, called Simplified Employee Plans (SEP) will differ between federal and Wisconsin as long as depreciation differences exist. If the allowable contributions are exceeded for Wisconsin a penalty would be 33% of the federal penalty of 6% even though no federal penalty would even exist. This would result in later years when Wisconsin depreciation exceeds federal.

Anyone claiming Wisconsin's itemized deduction credit for medical expenses & possibly contributions would have to base them on not on the federal adjusted gross income as in the past but on Wisconsin's recalculated gross income. A sample of this calculation is enclosed.

An easy solution to these needless complications would be to have these deductions and credits based on federal adjusted gross income even though it differs from Wisconsin because of the 30% bonus depreciation. This would have minimal impact on Wisconsin revenue because the 30% depreciation would still not be allowed for Wisconsin. These depreciation differences are merely a timing difference which will complicate Wisconsin returns for many years to come because as the law now stands they impact the calculation of other deductions.

Your comments and that of the Secretary of the WDR are most welcome.

Very truly yours,


Donald J. Langenfeld

enclosure

2002 WISCONSIN INCOME TAX CHANGES

Unfortunately, this decision was not made until long after the normal tax season was over. Not until July 26, 2002, did we know for certain that Wisconsin would disallow the bonus depreciation. Their decision was made retroactive to 2001! What a mess! Taxpayers who correctly (at that time) filed their returns claiming the bonus depreciation for both Federal and Wisconsin purposes, now needed to amend those returns.

Future Years Also Affected. Not only did Wisconsin disallow the 30% bonus depreciation for all years applicable, but decided to permanently discontinue the automatic acceptance of Federal depreciation! From now on, if a new depreciation method is enacted into law for Federal purposes, it will not be allowed for Wisconsin purposes unless the legislature decides at a later time to accept it. Note: this does not affect changes made to the Section 179 expense -- Wisconsin continues to automatically accept Federal increases in the Section 179 expense.

Schedule I Required if 30% Bonus Depreciation is Claimed for Federal Purposes. Wisconsin Schedule I must be used throughout the depreciable life of any asset on which the Federal bonus depreciation has been claimed.

Reviewing Schedule I Adjustments

It is as if you were preparing two Federal Tax Returns:

- ✓ "IRS Federal return" -- The first and original Federal tax return, the one filed with the IRS
- ✓ "Wisconsin Federal return" -- A second Federal tax return based on the IRC as allowed by Wisconsin law.

Because there may be differences in the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) used by Federal filers and those portions of the IRC used as a basis for filing the Wisconsin return, Schedule I was created. Taxpayers use Schedule I to convert Federal AGI to that allowed by Wisconsin. Note: Schedule I is based on the Federal Wisconsin differences in income and adjustments reflected on page one of Form 1040, plus affected itemized deductions. Differences in exemptions, computation of taxes and credits generally do not require the completion of Schedule I. (See later regarding penalties for excess contributions to SEP/SIMPLE plans)

Income and adjustment items that are affected by "Federal AGI" may need to be recomputed based on the "Revised Federal AGI" (for Wisconsin purposes). These recalculations are also entered on page one of Schedule I and may include items such as:

- ✓ Taxable social security.
- ✓ Deductible IRA, and
- ✓ Various phase-out ranges

See example in the appendix!

2002 CHANGES

INCOME - 2002 Changes

Filing Requirements

Status	Federal	Wisconsin	
	2002	2002	2001
Single, under 65	\$7,700	\$9,000	\$9,000
Single, 65 or over	\$8,850	\$9,000	\$9,000
Head of Household, under 65	\$9,900	\$10,580	\$10,320
Head of Household, 65 or over	\$11,050	\$10,830	\$10,570
MFJ, both under 65	\$13,850	\$18,000	\$18,000
MFJ, one 65 or over	\$14,750	\$18,000	\$18,000
MFJ, both 65 or over	\$15,650	\$18,000	\$18,000
MFS, any age	\$3,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
Qualifying widow(er), under 65	\$10,850	---	---
Qualifying widow(er), 65 or over	\$11,750	---	---
Part-year Resident or Nonresident, any age or marital status	---	\$2,000 *	\$2,000 *
Dependent with <u>unearned</u> income of \$251 or more	\$750 or more of gross income which includes at least \$251 of unearned income		
Dependent with <u>unearned</u> income of \$250 or less	\$4,700 - S	\$7,650 - S	\$7,440 - S
	\$6,900 - HH	\$9,880 - HH	\$9,620 - HH
	\$7,850 - MFJ	\$13,770 - MFJ	\$13,410 - MFJ
	\$3,925 - MFS	\$6,540 - MFS	\$6,370 - MFS

* Gross income reportable to Wisconsin

2002 WISCONSIN INCOME TAX CHANGES

STANDARD DEDUCTION - 2002 Changes**Minimum Standard Deduction Increased**

For the 2002 tax year, the standard deduction amounts have been increased somewhat, as well as the ranges at which it is phased out. Recall that the standard deduction varies according to AGI - the deduction decreases as Wisconsin AGI increases.

Filing Status	2002		2001	2000	1999
	Deduction	Phase-out Range	Deduction	Deduction	Deduction
Single	\$7,650	\$11,019 - \$74,770	\$7,440	\$7,200	5,280
HH	\$9,880	\$11,019 - \$74,770	\$9,620	\$9,300	7,150
MFJ	\$13,770	\$15,469 - \$85,092	\$13,410	\$12,970	9,040
MFS	\$6,540	\$7,349 - \$40,417	\$6,370	\$6,160	4,300

Nonresidents and part-year residents of Wisconsin initially calculate the standard deduction based on Federal AGI, then prorate it according to the ratio of Wisconsin AGI to Federal AGI.

Indexing. The dollar amounts of the standard deduction and the phase-out ranges are indexed annually, according to inflation.

TAXES - 2002 Changes**Exception to Indexing Limited**

Beginning with the 2002 tax year, all of the income tax brackets will be indexed each year by a percentage equal to the percentage change between the CPI for August of the previous year and August of 1997. (For the year 2001, the top bracket was increased by a percentage equal to the percentage change between the CPI for August of 2000 and August of 1999.)

Possible Retirement Plan Penalties for Taxpayers Who Claim the "30% Bonus Depreciation"!

In the years after a self-employed person claims the Federal 30% bonus depreciation ... because of the Wisconsin definition of the IRC, the net profit on Schedule C for federal purposes is higher than the net profit on Schedule C for Wisconsin purposes.

Federal. A taxpayer who maximized their SEP/Keogh contribution based on the higher federal amount would not be subject to a federal excess contribution penalty.

Wisconsin. Based on the lower net profit reportable to Wisconsin, however, the taxpayer would have an excess contribution.

Q. Would a Wisconsin taxpayer be subject to a Wisconsin penalty on retirement plans?

A. Yes. The taxpayer would compute the Federal 6% excess contribution penalty based on the Internal Revenue Code in effect for Wisconsin. Even though not required to actually pay the penalty to the IRS, the Wisconsin penalty is 33% of the computed amount. (Confirmed by Department of Revenue on November 11, 2002.)

EXAMPLE. In October 2001, Henry purchased qualifying property on which he claimed the 30% bonus depreciation on Federal Schedule C. On his 2001 return, he maximized his SEP contribution, based on his Schedule C profit. Due to the extra depreciation claimed in the first year (for Federal purposes), his Federal return reflected a lower business profit than that filed for Wisconsin purposes.

In 2002, Henry mistakenly maximizes his SEP contribution on the net business profit from Federal Form 1040. Because this is the second year of depreciation on the equipment he purchased in 2001, the depreciation claimed for Federal purposes is less than that claimed for Wisconsin purposes. As a result, the profit for Federal purposes is higher than that for Wisconsin purposes.

Suppose, that because of this higher Federal profit, Henry contributes \$2000 more to his SEP plan than that allowed by Wisconsin for the 2002 tax year. Although not penalized on the Federal return filed with IRS, Henry is subject to an excess contribution penalty based on "Federal law as allowed by Wisconsin." The Federal penalty would have been \$120 (6% x \$2000). The retirement plan penalty computed for Wisconsin is \$40 (33% x \$120).

Recycling Surcharge for Farmers Revised

Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2002, for natural persons, estates, trusts, and partnerships that are engaged in farming, the gross receipts threshold above which the taxpayer is liable for the recycling surcharge is raised from \$1,000,000 to \$4,000,000.

SCHEDULE I

ADJUSTMENTS TO CONVERT 2001 FEDERAL ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME AND ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS TO THE AMOUNTS ALLOWABLE UNDER THE DECEMBER 31, 1999 INTERNAL REVENUE CODE

2002

Wisconsin Department of Revenue

◆ Attach to Wisconsin Form 1 or Form 1NPR ◆

Name(s) shown on Form 1 or Form 1NPR

Your social security number

EXAMPLE: See details at the bottom of page 2!

PART I - FEDERAL ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME

(Read instructions before completing Schedule I)

- 1. Fill in your 2001 federal adjusted gross income from line 33, Form 1040 1 100,000
- 2. Capital gains and losses (federal Schedule D)
 - a. Fill in any loss claimed on line 13, Form 1040, as a positive amount 2a
 - b. Fill in any gain reported on line 13, Form 1040 2b
 - c. Fill in revised capital gain or (loss) from line 13 of revised Form 1040 (attach revised Schedule D and any accompanying forms and schedules) 2c
 - d. Combine lines 2a, 2b, and 2c—indicate a loss by parentheses 2d
- 3. Supplemental schedule of gains or losses (federal Forms 4797 and 4684)
 - a. Fill in any loss claimed on line 14, Form 1040, as a positive amount 3a
 - b. Fill in any gain reported on line 14, Form 1040 3b
 - c. Fill in revised gain or (loss) from line 14 of revised Form 1040 (attach revised Form 4797, Form 4684, and any accompanying forms and schedules) 3c
 - d. Combine lines 3a, 3b, and 3c—indicate a loss by parentheses 3d
- 4. Combine lines 1, 2d, and 3d 4 100,000

5. Other adjustments:

Description	COL I Amount per 2001 federal return	COL II Amount determined under 12/31/99 IRC	COL III Difference (see line 5 instructions)
a. Schedule C depreciation on new equip	22,000	10,000	12,000
b.			
c. 1/2 SE tax deduction (Form 1040, line 29)	2,685	3,533	(848)
d.			
e. Tuition and fees (Form 1040, line 26)	3,000		3,000
f.			
g.			
h.			
i. Total difference (combine amounts in Col. III)			14,152

- 6. Federal adjusted gross income as computed under the 12/31/99 Internal Revenue Code (combine lines 4 and 5i). Fill in here and on line 1 of Wisconsin Form 1 or line 29 of Form 1NPR. (Note: The above figures must also be used to complete Columns A and B for each of the lines 1 through 27 of Form 1NPR.) ... 6 114,152

(Complete reverse side of form)

Schedule I

PART II - ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS

(Complete this part only for those federal itemized deductions which may be used in computing the Wisconsin itemized deduction credit.)

Who must complete Part II:

This part should be completed only by individuals claiming the Wisconsin itemized deduction credit. Whenever adjustments have been made in Part I, federal itemized deductions which are based on federal adjusted gross income are affected. Part II must be completed to report the difference in the amount of the deduction based on the revised federal adjusted gross income. Part II must also be completed whenever specific items require adjustment.

7. Adjustments:

Description	COL I Amount per 2001 federal return	COL II Amount determined under 12/31/99 IRC
a. Medical expense	1,500	439
b. Contributions		
c. Other (specify)		
d.		
e.		
f.		
g.		
h.		

The amounts in Col. II should be used to compute the Wisconsin itemized deduction credit (Schedule 1 of Form 1 or Schedule of Form 1NPR).

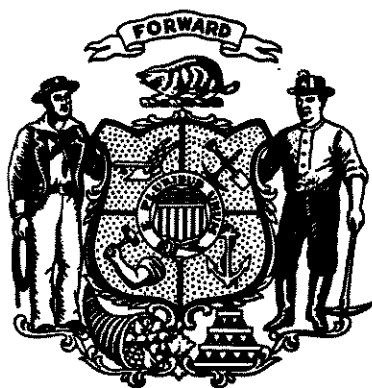
Details of Problem

SAMPLE SCHEDULE I PROBLEM:

Taxpayer purchased qualifying 5-year property for \$50,000 after 9/11/01 for his Schedule C business and chose to take the 30% Additional First-Year Depreciation. Taxpayer also is deducting \$3,000 of tuition & fees for Federal purposes and has \$9,000 of total medical expenses. Federal AGI = \$100,000

	FEDERAL:	WISCONSIN
Equipment cost:	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
30% bonus depreciation:	- 15,000 (50,000 x .30)	
Basis for depreciation:	\$ 35,000	\$ 50,000
Normal 1st year depreciation:	- 7,000 (35,000 x .20)	- 10,000 (50,000 x .20)
Remaining basis:	\$ 28,000	\$ 40,000
Total depreciation claimed:	\$ 22,000	\$ 10,000
Schedule C profit:	\$ 38,000	\$ 50,000
50% SE Tax deduction:	\$ 2,685	\$ 3,533
Total medical expenses:	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
Less 7½ % AGI:	- 7,500	- 8,561
Deductible medical expenses:	\$ 1,500	\$ 439

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Dear Legislator,

Thank you for allowing us to introduce ourselves to you. We are the Wisconsin Association of Assessing Officers (WAAO), the largest association of assessment and assessment-related professionals in the state. Our membership includes statutory assessors, assessment staff, contract assessors, former assessors, Departments of Revenue staff, attorneys and others who share an interest in promoting our common goal.

The purpose of our organization is to promote the public good by ensuring equitable assessments through quality assessor training, continued professional development, and public dialogue which includes outreach to communities and the public servants who represent them.

Our organization's Legislative Committee is actively involved in promoting assessment-related proposals that often come before the Legislature for consideration. We have been successful in our efforts to participate in the development of the assessment process in Wisconsin. Two areas of particular interest to our organization are Property Tax Exemptions and Property Tax Assessment Procedure related issues. If you have any questions regarding proposals, we urge you to call Mr. Peter Weissenfluh, Chair of the Legislative Committee, and Chief Assessor for the City of Milwaukee at (414) 286-3103 or our president, Steve Miner, City of Cudahy Assessor at (414) 769-2207.

To learn more about our organization, we invite you to visit our web site www.waao.org <<http://www.waao.org>>.

We hope you find this introduction helpful and look forward to working with you in the future. For your review, we have attached the latest issue of our quarterly publication, "The Assessor's Voice of Wisconsin", (PDF format).

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We have also included our contact information at the bottom of this email.

Very truly yours,

Sue Plutschack and Marie Ellis
WAAO Public Relations Committee Co-chairs

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