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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

2005-06

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(Assembly, Senate or joint)

Committee on ... Job Creation, Economic Development and Consumer Affairs (SC-JCEDCA)

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Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Job Creation, Economic Development and Consumer Affairs

Senate Bill 453

Relating to: creating an individual income tax checkoff for donations to the fire fighters memorial.

By Senators S. Fitzgerald, Brown and Zien; cosponsored by Representatives Gard, Schneider and J. Fitzgerald.

November 29, 2005 Referred to Committee on Job Creation, Economic Development and Consumer Affairs.

January 12, 2006 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (3) Senators Kanavas, Zien and Lassa.
Absent: (2) Senators Reynolds and Decker.

Appearances For

- Scott Fitzgerald, Madison — State Senator, Wisconsin State Senate
- Ron Noals, Allenton — Badger Firement Assoc. & WSFM
- Kevin Timm, Two Rivers — Manitowoc County Fire Fighters Assoc.
- Steve Quam, Milwaukee — WSFM Inc.

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Elizabeth Hoffman, Whitelaw — WSFM
- Kimberly Hoffman, Whitelaw — WSFM
- Rog Hoffman, Whitelaw — WSFM

Registrations Against

- None.

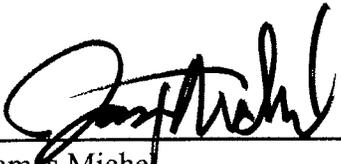
January 12, 2006 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (3) Senators Kanavas, Zien and Lassa.
Absent: (2) Senators Reynolds and Decker.

Moved by Senator Kanavas, seconded by Senator Zien that **Senate Bill 453** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (3) Senators Kanavas, Zien and Lassa.
Noes: (0) None.
Absent: (2) Senators Reynolds and Decker.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 3, Noes 0



James Michel
Committee Clerk

SENATE BILL 453 (LRB -4049)

An Act to amend 20.566 (1) (hp); and to create 71.10 (5fm) of the statutes; relating to: creating an individual income tax checkoff for donations to the fire fighters memorial. (FE)

2005

- 11-29. S. Introduced by Senators **S. Fitzgerald, Brown and Zien**; cosponsored by Representatives **Gard, Schneider and J. Fitzgerald**.
- 11-29. S. Read first time and referred to committee on Job Creation, Economic Development and Consumer Affairs 465
- 12-21. S. Fiscal estimate received.

2006

- 01-11. S. Senate amendment 1 offered by Senator S. Fitzgerald (**LRB a2023**) 521
- 01-12. S. Public hearing held.
- 01-12. S. Executive action taken.
- 01-17. S. Report passage recommended by committee on Job Creation, Economic Development and Consumer Affairs, Ayes 3, Noes 0 523
- 01-17. S. Available for scheduling.
- 01-18. S. Referred to joint committee on Finance by committee on Senate Organization pursuant to Senate Rule 41 (1)(e), Ayes 5, Noes 0 538
- 01-18. S. Withdrawn from joint committee on Finance and placed on calendar 1-19-2006 by committee on Senate Organization, pursuant to Senate Rule 41 (1)(e), Ayes 5, Noes 0 538
- 01-19. S. Read a second time 540
- 01-19. S. Senate amendment 2 offered by Senator S. Fitzgerald (**LRB a2111**) 540
- 01-19. S. Senate amendment 2 **adopted** 540
- 01-19. S. Ordered to a third reading 540
- 01-19. S. Rules suspended 541
- 01-19. S. Read a third time and **passed**, Ayes 31, Noes 2 540
- 01-19. S. Senator Leibham added as a coauthor 539
- 01-19. S. Senator Lassa added as a coauthor 539
- 01-19. S. Ordered immediately messaged 541
- 01-24. A. Received from Senate 741
- 01-24. A. Read first time and referred to committee on Ways and Means 742
- 02-08. A. Public hearing held.
- 02-15. A. Executive action taken.
- 02-23. A. Report concurrence recommended by committee on Ways and Means, Ayes 13, Noes 0 837
- 02-23. A. Referred to committee on Rules 837
- 03-07. A. Placed on calendar 3-9-2006 by committee on Rules.
- 03-07. A. Made a special order of business at 10:42 A.M. on 3-9-2006 pursuant to Assembly Resolution 51 933
- 03-09. A. Representative Nischke added as a cosponsor 950
- 03-09. A. Read a second time 950
- 03-09. A. Ordered to a third reading 950
- 03-09. A. Rules suspended 950
- 03-09. A. Read a third time and **concurred in** 950
- 03-09. A. Ordered immediately messaged 950
- 03-10. S. Received from Assembly concurred in 743
- 03-15. S. Report correctly enrolled on 3-15-2006 747
- 04-06. S. Presented to the Governor on 4-6-2006 764
- 04-12. S. Report **approved** by the Governor on 4-11-2006. 2005 Wisconsin Act 323 766
- 04-17. S. Published 4-25-2006 775





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Secretary of Revenue

Senate Committee on Job Creation, Economic Development and Consumer Affairs, January 12, 2006

Senate Bill 453 – Individual Income Tax Check-off for Firefighter's Memorial (Senator Kanavas)

Description of Current Law and Proposed Change

This bill creates an income tax check-off for designations to the Firefighter's Memorial Association. The total amount of designations less the cost of administering the check-off must be used to support the construction, improvement and maintenance of the firefighter's memorial.

Fairness/Tax Equity

- State check-offs are a donation from a taxpayer's refund and have become very popular over the last decade, according to the Federation of Tax Administrators (FTA). In 2003, 41 states and the District of Columbia had check-off programs.
- This check-off would provide taxpayers with an opportunity to designate an unlimited amount of their tax refund to support a memorial to Wisconsin's firefighters.

Impact on Economic Development

- If overall participation in state income tax check-offs does not increase, adding another check-off could lead to a decline in contributions made to the current check-offs: the endangered resources check-off, the Packer's stadium check-off, the breast cancer check-off, and the newly-enacted check-off for Veterans Trust Fund donations. The endangered resources donation, Wisconsin's oldest check-off, has experienced declining participation rates almost every year since it was created in 1990.

Administrative Impact/Fiscal Effect

- According to Department of Revenue data from tax year 2004 returns collected as of August 1, 2005, tax filers contributed about \$300,000 in donations to breast cancer research. Donations to breast cancer research are collected in the same way as donations to the firefighter's memorial. Assuming similar participation in the proposed check-off, tax filers could donate a total of approximately \$300,000 to the firefighter's memorial.
- The Department would incur one-time costs of \$19,400 for system development and annual costs of \$6,200 for limited-term employee (LTE) salaries and fringe benefits, supplies, and printing and postage. These costs would be deducted from total donations received and the remaining funds would be used for the firefighter's memorial. The

check-off could generate revenues of up to \$274,400 (\$300,000 - \$19,400 - \$6,200) in the first year. Total annual donations for each subsequent year could be \$293,800 (\$300,000 - \$6,200).

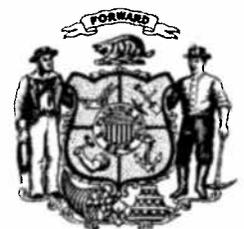
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January 9, 2005

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What type of recognition will be given to those who contribute?

There are a number of ways that recognition can be shown:

- ◆ Leaves on a "Giving Tree"
- ◆ Plaques
- ◆ Medallion
- ◆ Naming rights on the monument
- ◆ PaverBricks

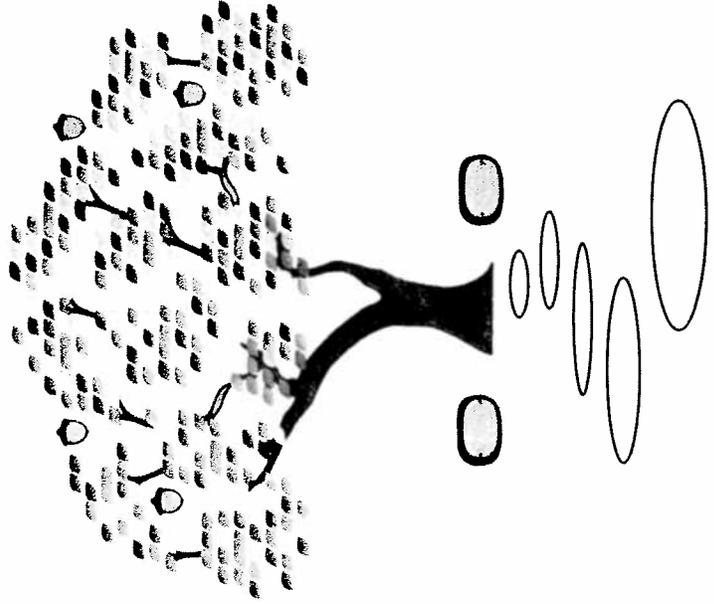
Giving Tree "leaves" will be differing colors of metal, based on the amount donated. The tree will be mounted on the wall amongst a mural depicting fire equipment from olden days to the present. There will also be "acorns" on the tree and "rocks" near by.

- A \$100.00 gift = Bronze leaf on a tree 
- A \$200.00 gift = 6"x12" pathway brick 
- A \$250.00 gift = Silver leaf on a tree 
- A \$500.00 gift = Gold leaf on a tree or 12"x12" pathway brick  
- A \$1,000.00 gift = Double Gold leaf on a tree 
- A \$2,500.00 gift = Rock in the scenery 
- A \$5,000.00 gift = Acorn on the tree 

Naming rights on the monument are awarded to anyone who donates. Small plaques will be given for all levels of donation between \$100 and \$500, and larger plaques for \$1,000 or above. A large medallion with a 3-D replica of the memorial monument will be awarded for donation of \$2,500 or more. These could be displayed at the donors' home or place of business.

Paver Bricks

The bricks are a high density, long lasting material for the walkway. One may be purchased in memorial of, or to honor, a particular person or department. These bricks will be used for the walkways throughout the park.



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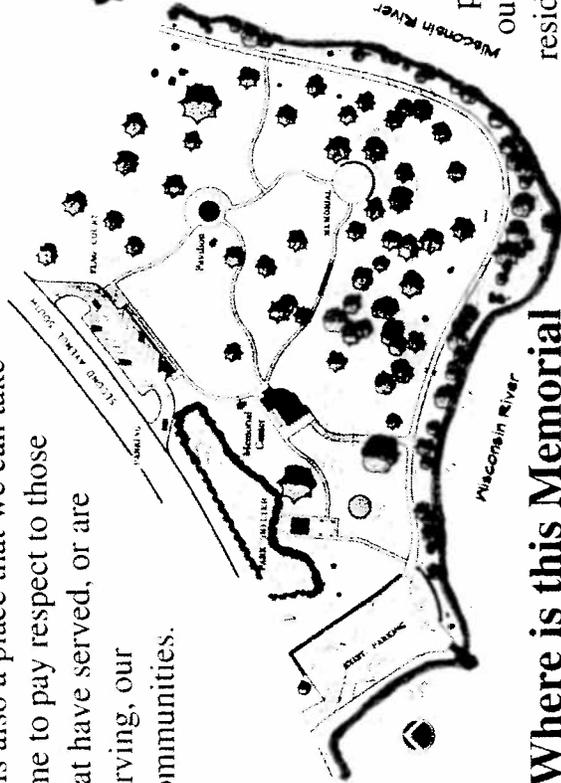
The Wisconsin State FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL



... honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

The Wisconsin State Firefighters Memorial is a place that we can honor those that have given the supreme sacrifice protecting and serving the citizens of this great state of Wisconsin as firefighters.

It is also a place that we can take time to pay respect to those that have served, or are serving, our communities.



Where is this Memorial to be located?



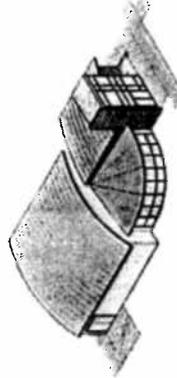
At the Ben Hanson Park on the banks of the beautiful Wisconsin River, along State Highway 73/54, in Wisconsin Rapids.

What will the memorial consist of?

It will feature a life-size bronze statue of Firefighters pulling a downed firefighter to safety.



It will also include a reflection pool, walkways of paver bricks, a gazebo, and a turn of the century cast iron fire bell. A memorial center will house computers allowing visitors to access a listing of all active and past firefighters who have served our state's residents.



Molasses Creek will be inlaid on floor



The Final Alarm

How can I support this memorial?

By making contributions of money, time, materials, or services in kind. Any of these can be at the actual memorial park or during the drive to construct the park.

Donation Form

Name _____

Phone _____

Amount \$ _____

Comments _____

Wisconsin State Firefighters Memorial, Inc.

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