

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	13-2229/1	Introduction Number	SB-165	Estimate Type	Original
Description Police and fire protection fee imposed on certain communications services					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Pursuant to 2009 Wis. Act 28 and effective September 1, 2009, a police and fire protection fee was imposed on two types of transactions: 1. A fee of \$0.38 on each retail transaction for prepaid wireless telecommunications plans; and 2. A monthly fee of \$0.75 on each voice communications connection with an assigned telephone number (including landline, cellular line, and a communication service provided via a VoIP connection). If a communications provider provides multiple connections to a subscriber, the fee will be \$0.75 for each of the first 10 connections and one additional fee of \$0.75 for each 10 additional connections per billed account (i.e., \$0.075 fee for each connection over 10).

The Department of Revenue (DOR) administers the \$0.38 per-transaction fee on retail transactions for prepaid wireless telecommunications plans and the Public Service Commission (PSC) administers the \$0.75 monthly fee on all communications service connections with assigned telephone numbers. Both fees, however, must be reported on a monthly basis to the DOR on one electronic form. Persons subject to the fee are required to register with the DOR for the collection, reporting, and remittance of the fees.

SB 165 will have no fiscal effect on the PSC. Elimination of the police and fire protection fund will reduce shared revenue payments to counties, towns, villages and cities.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

see assumption above.