
Wisconsin Legislative Council

AMENDMENT MEMO



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2019 Assembly Bill 256

Assembly Amendment 1

2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 256

Current law provides that a property owner or tenant who, as a result of condemnation, is displaced from the property on which the person's business or farm operation lies, may be entitled to compensation for certain expenses relating to the replacement of the business or farm operation. If the person purchases or rents a comparable replacement business or farm operation and the **condemnor is a city, village, or town**, the payment for eligible replacement expenses may not exceed the following amounts: (1) \$100,000 if the person displaced owned the property; or (2) \$80,000¹ if the person displaced was a tenant.

2019 Assembly Bill 256 provides that this cap for replacement expense payments made to a property owner or tenant who purchases or rents a comparable replacement business or farm operation also apply when the **condemnor is a county, redevelopment authority, or a community development authority**.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 provides that the cap for the payment for eligible replacement expenses described above applies to payments made by **any condemnor**.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 was introduced by Representative Brooks on June 18, 2019. On October 16, 2019, the Assembly Committee on Local Government voted to recommend both adoption of the amendment, and passage of the bill, as amended, by subsequent votes of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

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¹ If the tenant elects to purchase a comparable replacement business or farm operation, in addition to the \$80,000, the payment must also include reasonable expenses incurred for evidence of title, recording fees, and other closing costs incident to the purchase of the replacement property, but not including prepaid expenses.