



2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 484

October 9, 2009 - Introduced by Representatives FIELDS, STASKUNAS, YOUNG, ROYS, RICHARDS, JORGENSEN, A. WILLIAMS, GRIGSBY, ZEPNICK, A. OTT, BERNARD SCHABER and HINTZ, cosponsored by Senators TAYLOR, HOPPER, VINEHOUT and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

1 **AN ACT to create** 71.07 (9e) (ag) of the statutes; **relating to:** allowing an
2 individual without a qualifying child to claim the earned income tax credit.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under federal law, the earned income tax credit (EITC) is a refundable tax credit for low-income workers. If the amount of the claim exceeds the worker's tax liability, the claimant receives a check for the excess amount from the Internal Revenue Service. The amount of the credit for which a claimant is eligible is based, in part, on whether the claimant has no qualifying children, one qualifying child, or more than one qualifying child.

Under current law, the refundable Wisconsin EITC may be claimed in an amount equal to a certain percentage of the federal basic EITC. To be eligible for the Wisconsin EITC, an individual must have one or more qualifying children. The Wisconsin EITC is equal to 4 percent of the federal credit if the claimant has one qualifying child, 14 percent of the federal credit if the claimant has two qualifying children, and 43 percent of the federal credit if the claimant has three or more qualifying children.

Under this bill, a claimant who has no qualifying children may claim the Wisconsin EITC in an amount equal to 4 percent of the federal credit.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

