



2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 166

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1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 49.665 (4) (a) 1.; and *to create* 49.665 (4) (d) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** exempting amounts claimed for depreciation of farm equipment
3 for purposes of calculating farm income under the Badger Care health care
4 program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) administers the Badger Care health care (BadgerCare) program. The BadgerCare program provides health care coverage to eligible low-income children who do not reside with a parent and to eligible low-income families. A child or family is generally considered low-income if the child's or family's income does not exceed 185% of the poverty line.

Currently, in calculating an individual's income for the BadgerCare program, if the individual has farm income, DHFS calculates the amount of that income by adding the amount that the individual claimed for depreciation to the amount of the individual's net taxable income. This bill prohibits DHFS from adding any amounts claimed for depreciation of equipment used in the farm operation to an individual's net taxable farm income for purposes of determining whether an individual meets the income limits for the BadgerCare program.

