

FISCAL ESTIMATE

DOA-2048 N(R 10/98)

- ORIGINAL UPDATED
 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No. / Adm. Rule No.
 AB 67 (99-1852/1)
 Amendment No. (If Applicable)

Subject
 Year 2000 Readiness and Consumer Protection

Fiscal Effect
 State: No State Fiscal Effect
 Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation

Increase Existing Appropriation Increase Existing Revenues
 Decrease Existing Appropriation Decrease Existing Revenues
 Create New Appropriation

Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget Yes No
 Decrease Costs

Local: No local government costs

1. Increase Costs
 Permissive Mandatory
 2. Decrease Costs
 Permissive Mandatory

3. Increase Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory
 4. Decrease Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Unit Affected:

Towns Villages Cities
 Counties Others _____
 School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Source Affected
 GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
 20.115(1)(d)

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate
 This proposed bill defines year 2000 readiness and prohibits misrepresentation of the ability of a computing device to process data from the 20th into the 21st century. It gives the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection the ability to demand year 2000 compliance information from sellers of computing devices. This bill also gives consumers a claim against a person making a misrepresentation that causes them harm.

In discussions with the author, the department understands the intent of this bill is, in part, to gather information about specific products and make it readily available to consumers. The department does not currently test and report on specific make and model of consumer goods. Therefore, the department will need project positions to research products and to provide information to consumers. There will also be one-time costs to develop a data collection facility and Web Site for the information.

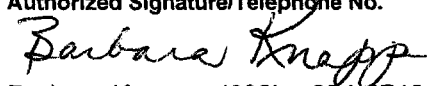
The department assumes researching the year 2000 readiness of products will take 1.5 FTE project positions. Since many consumers do not have access to the Internet or will ask the department to research products not on the site, the department assumes an increase in calls to the Consumer Protection Hotline as well as calls taking significantly longer than average Consumer Protection calls. This is expected to increase workload by 2.0 FTE project positions.

The department currently has a 0.5 FTE Webmaster to maintain the Web Site. This bill would increase this activity significantly and require a 0.5 FTE Webmaster.

The department also assumes there will be a one time cost of \$350,000 to develop a Web Site that provides assessible information to Wisconsin consumers. DATCP does not have a Web server, or database with hypertext search capability. The department assumes costs to include a Web Server with appropriate software and hardware to assure accessibility and security, as well as contract help to design a site with data storage and search facility. The department assumes the one-time costs will be spent in FY 1999 and FY 2000. The annual costs for FY 1999 will be \$77,000 and rise to \$225,602 for FY 2000 and 2001.

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Long - Range Fiscal Implications
 This proposed bill is scheduled to sunset on July 1, 2001

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FISCAL ESTIMATE WORKSHEET

1999 SESSION

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect
DOA-2047 (R10/94)

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AB 67

Amendment No.

Subject

Year 2000 Readiness and Consumer Proteciton

I. One-time Cost or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):
\$370,600

II. Annualized Cost:	Annualized Fiscal Impact on State funds from:	
	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$ 161,492	\$ -
(FTE Position Changes)	(4 FTE)	(- FTE)
State Operations - Other Costs	64,110	-
Local Assistance		-
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		-
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$ 225,602	\$ -
B. State Costs by Source of Funds	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
GPR	\$ 225,602	\$ -
FED		-
PRO/PRS		-
SEG/SEG-S		-
III. State Revenues -	Increased Rev.	Decreased Rev.
<small>Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</small>		
GPR Taxes	\$	\$ -
GPR Earned		-
FED		-
PRO/PRS		-
SEG/SEG-S		-
TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$ -

NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>LOCAL</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$ 225,602	\$ _____
NET CHANGE IN REVENUES	\$ _____	\$ _____

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