

1999 SENATE BILL 510

March 24, 2000 – Introduced by Senator SHIBILSKI. Referred to Joint committee on Finance.

- 1 **AN ACT relating to:** expenditure of a sum sufficient from the general fund in
2 payment of a claim against the state made by Terrence Bauer.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill directs expenditure of a sum sufficient from the general fund in payment of a claim against the state made by Terrence Bauer against the department of commerce. The claimant was employed by the former department of industry, labor and human relations (DILHR) as a flammable and combustible liquid system coordinator. During that employment, the claimant became the owner of a company, Central Wisconsin Inspection Service, Inc. (CWI), that began bidding on requests for bids solicited by DILHR for underground storage tank inspections. After the department of employment of relations determined that this posed a conflict of interest, DILHR entered into an agreement with the claimant and CWI on July 15, 1994, under which the claimant resigned his position with DILHR as of that date, and under which DILHR agreed that it would not discriminate against CWI in the award of any contracts for which CWI was the low bidder on a specific named bid number then pending and further agreed that if DILHR did so the claimant would be entitled to reinstatement with full wages and benefits retroactive to his date of termination. According to the claimant, DILHR and its successor, the department of commerce, have failed since July 15, 1994, to award several contracts to CWI when CWI was the low bidder or would have been the low bidder had the department of commerce properly categorized its work, and the department of commerce terminated its contracts with CWI on October 30, 1996. According to the department, its alleged failure to describe certain tanks within certain categories in

