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Scott Walker

Wauwatosa's Representative in the Wisconsin State Assembly

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DEAR LRB:

PLS DRAFT A BILL TO PROVIDE
A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR
EQUIPMENT DESIGNED TO AIDE
PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM MACULAR
DEGENERATION (SEE ATTACHED).
THIS SHOULD BE SIMILAR TO THE
EXEMPTIONS ALREADY PROVIDED FOR
CERTAIN DEVICES TO AID THOSE
WITH A MEDICAL/DISABILITY
NEED SUCH AS WHEEL CHAIRS
AND SCOOTERS.
CALL WITH QUESTIONS. THANKS

GREG REIMAN

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Assemblyman Scott Walker

Dear Sir:

My friend is writing this letter for me because I have very low vision, and I am therefore legally blind. My eyes are in the advanced stages of Macular Degeneration. I cannot read now, or write, or sew or trim my fingernails, as well as many other activities.


There is a product on the market called a Magnifier. It costs about three thousand dollars, plus shipping, plus state sales tax. Medicare or insurance does not help toward the cost. This is a tremendous expense for an individual, but for those who can afford the cost it gives them their lives back.

Can you please do something to have the state sales tax removed? Please help. Since there is no state sales tax on prescription eyeglasses and this magnifier helps people to read again, and since there are a number of states that do not charge a state sales tax, why does Wisconsin have to charge a state sales tax on this helpful item for blind people?

Very truly yours

Nancy Lee Tapper

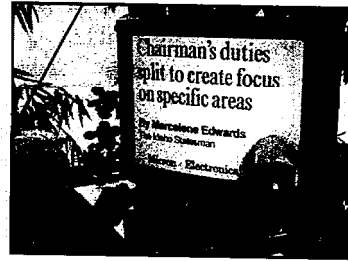
P.S. About 20 million people in the United States suffer from Macular Degeneration.

 Mrs. Nancy L. Tapper
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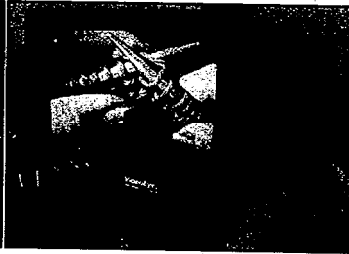
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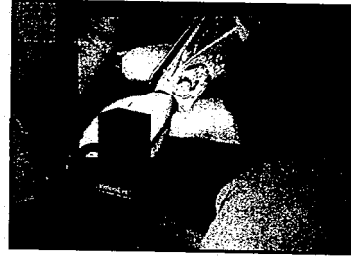
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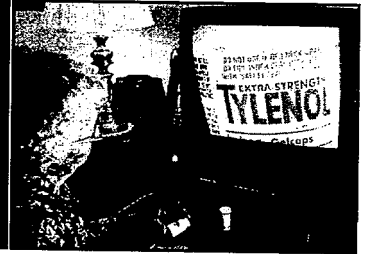
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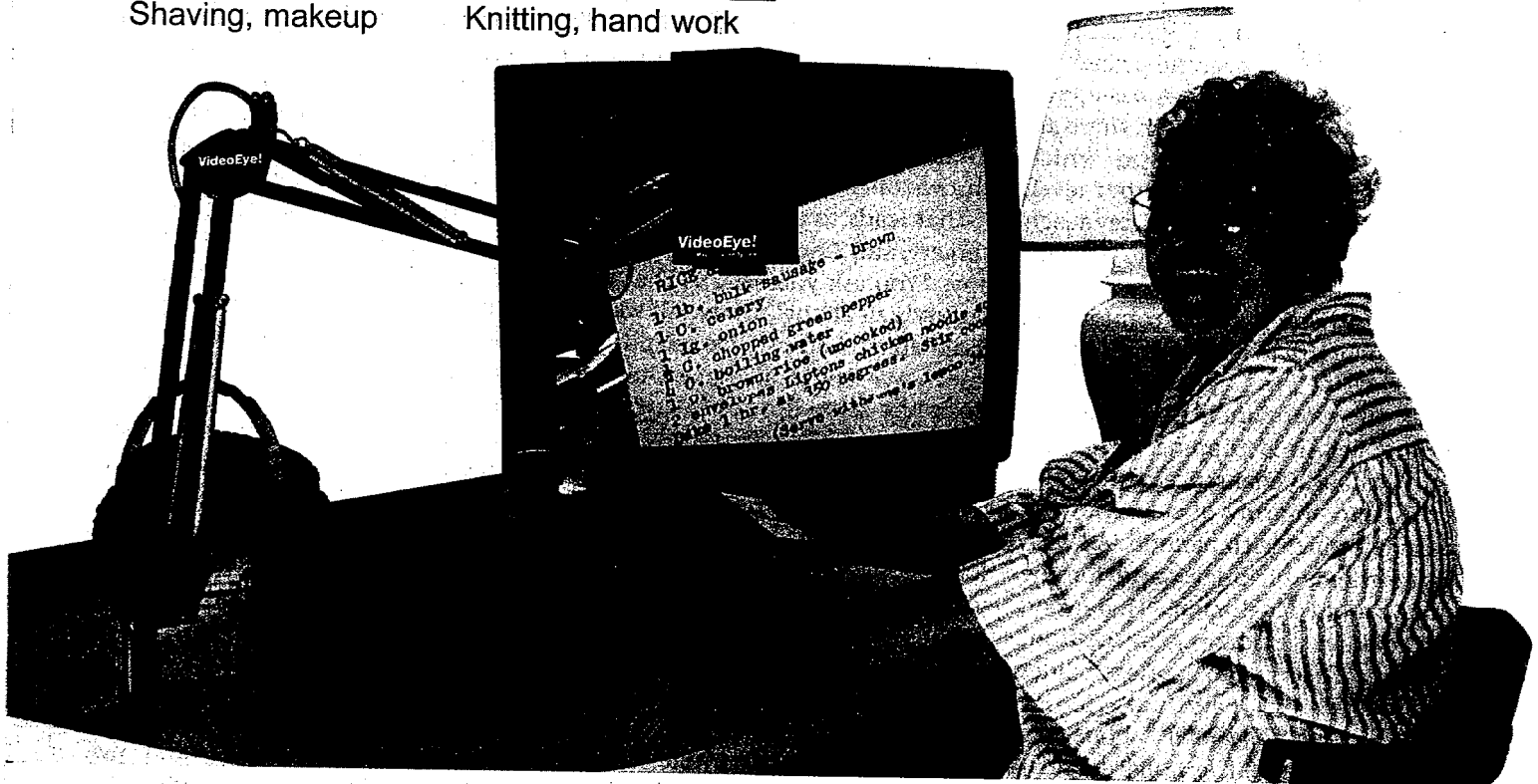


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RMR Jld

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1 AN ACT ...; relating to: a sales tax and use tax exemption for devices designed
2 to assist the visually impaired.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates a sales tax and a use tax exemption for devices that are designed to assist the visually impaired.

This bill will be referred to the joint survey committee on tax exemptions for a detailed analysis, 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:

3 SECTION 1. 77.54 (46) of the statutes is created to read:
4 (a) 77.54 (46) (b) (The gross receipts from the sale of and the storage, use or other
5 consumption of devices that are designed to assist the visually impaired, including
6 video magnifiers, scanners for reading printed material and computer modifications.

In this subsection, "visually impaired" has the meaning given in s. 115.51 (4).

8 SECTION 2. Effective date.

Smith, Irma

From: Kreye, Joseph
Sent: Friday, February 09, 2001 1:40 PM
To: Smith, Irma
Subject: FW: re LRB 0078

Hi Irma:

The draft below has not been jacketed. I would bet that he never put in the request. Will you take care of this for him? Danke.

Joseph T. Kreye, Legislative Attorney
Legislative Reference Bureau
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joseph.kreye@legis.state.wi.us

-----Original Message-----

From: Reiman, Greg
Sent: Friday, February 09, 2001 1:19 PM
To: Kreye, Joseph
Subject: re LRB 0078

Hi Joe:

Can you find out whether LRB 0078 has been jacketed yet? I may be cracking up, but I could swear I sent it in for jacketing over a week ago and we have not received it back yet.

Thanks.

Greg Reiman
Office of Rep. Scott Walker
608 266-9180



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April 11th, 2001

MEMORANDUM

To: Representative Walker

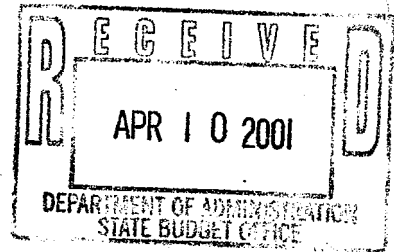
From: Joe Kreye, Sr. Legislative Attorney, (608) 266-2263

Subject: Technical Memorandum to **2001 AB 122** (LRB 01-0078/1)

We received the attached technical memorandum relating to your bill. This copy is for your information and your file. If you wish to discuss this memorandum or the necessity of revising your bill or preparing an amendment, please contact me.

MEMORANDUM

April 6, 2001



TO: Joseph Kreye
Legislative Reference Bureau

FROM: Dennis Collier *Dennis Collier*
Department of Revenue

SUBJECT: Technical Memorandum on AB 122 – Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Devices
Designed to Assist the Visually Impaired

The Department of Revenue would like to alert the sponsor that this bill would provide an exemption for any device that is used to assist the visually impaired, whether or not the device is used in visual assistance. In other words, the exemption could apply to almost any device purchased by a visually impaired person. For example, a garage door opener used to assist a visually impaired person in opening his or her garage door would be exempt.

Thus, the sponsor may wish to limit the exemption to devices used exclusively by visually impaired persons for visual assistance.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Dennis Collier at 266-5773.

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