

FISCAL ESTIMATE FORM

2001 Session

- ORIGINAL UPDATED
 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB # 01-0078/1
INTRODUCTION # AB 122
Admin. Rule #

Subject
Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Devices Designed to Assist the Visually Impaired

Fiscal Effect

- State: No State Fiscal Effect
 Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation
- Increase Costs - May be Possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget Yes No
- Increase Existing Appropriation Increase Existing Revenues
 Decrease Existing Appropriation Decrease Existing Revenues
 Create New Appropriation Decrease Costs

Local: No Local Government Costs

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory | 5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:
<input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Villages <input type="checkbox"/> Cities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others <u>Baseball Park and Football Stadium Districts</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts |
|--|--|--|

Fund Sources Affected

- GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate:

This bill would create a sales and use tax exemption for devices that are used to assist the visually impaired, such as video magnifiers, scanners for reading printed materials, and special computer software and hardware.

The types of devices that may be exempted by this bill range from special kitchen measuring spoons costing \$1 each to reading machines costing \$5,000. According to the American Foundation for the Blind, there are approximately 10 million visually impaired persons in the United States. Assuming the portion of these persons living in Wisconsin is equal to its share of U.S. population, or 1.9%, there are an estimated 190,000 visually impaired persons living in Wisconsin that would benefit from the proposed exemption.

Because of the wide variety of products that would likely qualify for the exemption, it is not possible to estimate the potential revenue loss from this bill. However, the loss could be significant. For example, if each visually impaired person spent only \$500 per year on devices qualifying for the exemption, the state revenue loss would be approximately \$4.75 million annually; if average spending on exempt devices was \$1,500 per person, the revenue loss would be \$14.25 million.

Counties with a local sales tax, baseball park districts and football stadium districts would also experience a revenue loss.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications:

Agency/Prepared by: (Name & Phone No.)	Authorized Signature/Telephone No.	Date
Wisconsin Department of Revenue	Dennis Collier <i>Dennis Collier</i>	4/6/01
Dennis Collier, (608) 266-5773	(608) 266-5773	

FISCAL ESTIMATE WORKSHEET

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

2001 Session

- ORIGINAL UPDATED
 CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB # 01-0078/1
INTRODUCTION # AB 122

Admin. Rule #

Subject

Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Devices Designed to Assist the Visually Impaired

I. One-Time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):

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

NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>LOCAL</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$ _____	\$ _____
NET CHANGE IN REVENUES	\$ - Indeterminate	\$ - Indeterminate

Agency/Prepared by: (Name & Phone No.)	Authorized Signature/Telephone No.	Date
Wisconsin Department of Revenue Dennis Collier, (608) 266-5773	Dennis Collier <i>Dennis Collier</i> (608) 266-5773	4/6/01