

**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 1**

February 28, 2006 – Offered by Representatives FRISKE and FIELDS.

1 **AN ACT to create** 20.505 (1) (qm) of the statutes; **relating to:** increasing funding
2 for low-income energy assistance and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, using federal funds, the Department of Administration (department) administers a low-income energy assistance program. Eligible households receive payments to assist with the cost of home energy. Currently, payments are calculated using a benefit schedule created by the department that takes into account household income, family size, and energy costs. Current law specifies which households are eligible for low-income energy assistance, including households with an annual income that is not more than 150 percent of the federal poverty line.

This substitute amendment provides \$6,000,000 from the petroleum inspection fund in fiscal year 2005–06 for payments to households that qualify for assistance under current law.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
4 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

2005–06 2006–07

20.505 Administration, department of

(1) SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT

(qm) Low-income energy assistance;

petroleum inspection fund SEG A 6,000,000 –0–

SECTION 2. 20.505 (1) (qm) of the statutes is created to read:

20.505 (1) (qm) *Low-income energy assistance; petroleum inspection fund.*

From the petroleum inspection fund, the amounts in the schedule for low-income energy assistance under 2005 Wisconsin Act (this act), section 3 (1).

SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) Notwithstanding section 16.27 (2) (a), (3), and (6) of the statutes, the department of administration may pay low-income energy assistance benefits under section 16.27 of the statutes from the appropriation account under section 20.505 (1) (qm) of the statutes, as created by this act, to a household that is eligible for low-income energy assistance under section 16.27 (5) of the statutes.

(END)