

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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Subject					
Deferral of recognition of gains from sale of certain capital assets					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current Wisconsin law, individuals may exclude 60% of net long-term capital gains. Under this bill, an individual, an individual partner or member of a partnership, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership; or an individual shareholder of a tax-option corporation may elect to defer the payment of income taxes on the gain realized from the sale of any asset held more than one year, if the claimant completes a number of requirements. These requirements include: 1) Immediate deposit of the gain in a segregated account in a financial institution; 2) purchase of another capital asset of equal or greater value using all of the proceeds in the account within 90 days after the sale of the asset that generated the gain; 3) after purchase of the replacement asset, immediate notification to the Department of Revenue that the claimant will not declare the gain on the claimant's income tax return because the claimant has reinvested the capital gain.

Gains realized from the sale of an asset that was obtained in a tax-free exchange of capital assets and sale of property purchased as a result of an involuntary conversion do not qualify for the deferral under the bill.

The basis of the replacement asset would be calculated by subtracting the gain from the cost of the asset. If a claimant defers the payment of income taxes on a capital gain under this bill, the claimant may not use the gain to net capital gains and losses.

Data are not readily available on the number of tax filers that would take advantage of this deferral and therefore the fiscal effect of this bill is indeterminate. However, according to the 2003 Individual Income Tax Sample, net tax on currently taxable capital gains is \$97 million. About 66% of currently taxable capital gains is reported by filers with income over \$100,000 and taxes paid by these filers on capital gains total \$64 million.

Since these high-income filers have large enough disposable income to reinvest their long-term capital gains in other capital assets, payment of all or a substantial portion of the \$64 million they pay in tax on capital gains under current law could be deferred indefinitely.

Costs are estimated to increase by \$68,650, assuming that no more than 50,000 taxpayers per year utilize the deferral. These costs include salaries and fringe benefits for 1.3 FTEs and \$3,750 for supplies and services. One time costs of \$3,250 would be incurred for printing forms and setting up a new workstation.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2005 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
A total of \$3,250 in one time costs for printing forms and setting up a new workstation.			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$64,900	
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs		3,750	
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category		\$68,650	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR		68,650	
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		\$	\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
TOTAL State Revenues		\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$68,650	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$SeeText	\$
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