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Senate

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Committee on Job Creation, Economic Development and Consumer Affairs

Assembly Bill 718

Relating to: a nonrefundable individual income tax credit for the sales tax paid on the purchase of gun-club memberships and admissions to gun-club activities.

By Representatives Wieckert, Suder, Hines, Ott, Albers, Hundertmark, Kaufert, Hahn, Davis, F. Lasee, Vos, Krawczyk, Townsend, Mursau, Jensen, Gundrum, Sheridan and McCormick; cosponsored by Senators A. Lasee, Olsen, Kanavas and Brown.

February 03, 2006 Referred to Committee on Job Creation, Economic Development and Consumer Affairs.

March 1, 2006 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (4) Senators Kanavas, Zien, Lassa and Decker.

Absent: (1) Senator Reynolds.

Appearances For

- Michael Kohl, Appleton — Outagamie Conservation Club
- Steve Wieckert, Madison — Representative
- Wayne Schroeder, Grand Chute — Conservation Congress
- Bruce Learman, Hortonville

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- None.

Registrations Against

- None.

March 1, 2006 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (4) Senators Kanavas, Zien, Lassa and Decker.

Absent: (1) Senator Reynolds.

Moved by Senator Zien, seconded by Senator Decker that **Assembly Bill 718** be recommended for concurrence.

Ayes: (4) Senators Kanavas, Zien, Lassa and Decker.

Noes: (0) None.

Absent: (1) Senator Reynolds.

CONCURRENCE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 0

James Michel
Committee Clerk

ASSEMBLY BILL 718 (LRB -2669)

An Act to create 71.07 (6g) and 71.10 (4) (cg) of the statutes; relating to: a nonrefundable individual income tax credit for the sales tax paid on the purchase of gun-club memberships and admissions to gun-club activities.

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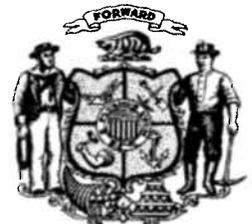
10-03. A. Introduced by Representatives **Wieckert, Suder, Hines, Ott, Albers, Hundertmark, Kaufert, Hahn, Davis, F. Lasee, Vos, Krawczyk, Townsend, Mursau, Jensen, Gundrum, Sheridan and McCormick**; cosponsored by Senators **A. Lasee, Olsen, Kanavas and Brown**.
 10-03. A. Read first time and referred to committee on Natural Resources 510
 10-27. A. Fiscal estimate received.
 10-27. A. Fiscal estimate received.
 11-14. A. Assembly substitute amendment 1 offered by Representative **Wieckert (LRB s0249)** 615
 11-16. A. Public hearing held.
 12-13. A. Assembly substitute amendment 2 offered by Representative **Wieckert (LRB s0406)** 664
 12-14. A. Executive action taken.

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01-09. A. Report Assembly Substitute Amendment 2 adoption recommended by committee on Natural Resources, Ayes 14, Noes 0 713
 01-09. A. Report passage as amended recommended by committee on Natural Resources, Ayes 14, Noes 0 713
 01-09. A. Referred to joint committee on Finance 713
 01-25. A. Executive action taken.
 01-25. A. Assembly amendment 1 to Assembly substitute amendment 2 offered by committee on Finance (**LRB a2167**) 751
 01-26. A. Report Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 2 adoption recommended by joint committee on Finance, Ayes 15, Noes 1 753
 01-26. A. Report Assembly Substitute Amendment 2 adoption recommended by joint committee on Finance, Ayes 15, Noes 1 753
 01-26. A. Report passage as amended recommended by joint committee on Finance, Ayes 15, Noes 1 753
 01-26. A. Referred to committee on Rules 753
 01-31. A. Placed on calendar 2-2-2006 by committee on Rules.
 02-02. A. Read a second time 786
 02-02. A. Assembly amendment 1 to Assembly substitute amendment 2 **adopted** 786
 02-02. A. Assembly substitute amendment 2 **adopted** 786
 02-02. A. Ordered to a third reading 786
 02-02. A. Rules suspended 786
 02-02. A. Read a third time and **passed** 786
 02-02. A. Ordered immediately messaged 786
 02-03. S. Received from Assembly 582
 02-03. S. Read first time and referred to committee on Job Creation, Economic Development and Consumer Affairs 583
 03-01. S. Public hearing held.
 03-01. S. Executive action taken.
 03-04. S. Report concurrence recommended by committee on Job Creation, Economic Development and Consumer Affairs, Ayes 4, Noes 0 684
 03-04. S. Available for scheduling.
 03-06. S. Placed on calendar 3-7-2006 by committee on Senate Organization.
 03-07. S. Read a second time 706
 03-07. S. Senate amendment 1 offered by Senator **Carpenter (LRB a2724)** 706
 03-07. S. Senate amendment 1 laid on table, Ayes 21, Noes 11 706
 03-07. S. Ordered to a third reading 706
 03-07. S. Rules suspended 706
 03-07. S. Read a third time and **concurred in**, Ayes 31, Noes 2 706
 03-07. S. Senator **Leibham** added as a cosponsor 695
 03-07. S. Ordered immediately messaged 707
 03-07. A. Received from Senate concurred in 910
 03-09. A. Report correctly enrolled 938
 04-13. A. Presented to the Governor on 4-13-2006 1014
 04-18. A. Report **approved** by the Governor on 4-14-2006. 2005 Wisconsin Act 327 1016
 04-18. A. Published 4-28-2006 1017



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AB 718

July 7, 2005

Representative Steve Wieckert
State Capitol, Room 16 West
P.O. Box 8953
Madison, WI 53708-8953

Dear Rep. Wieckert:

I am writing to thank you for your efforts to introduce legislation creating a sales tax exemption for certain nonprofit gun clubs in Wisconsin. The NRA and its members throughout the state enthusiastically support your proposal.

These nonprofit clubs perform an essential community service by providing safety training for gun owners and sportsmen. While the CDC reports that the number of fatal firearms accidents is at an all-time low, even while the number of civilian-owned firearms is at an all-time high, more can always be done to further improve safety. Your proposal encourages education by reducing financial burdens on the clubs and citizens they serve.

Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to assist you with this effort.

Sincerely,

Darren LaSorte
Wisconsin State Liaison



October 10, 2005

State Representative Steve Wieckert
State Capital, Room 16 West
P.O. Box 8953
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Representative Wieckert,

This letter is to confirm our organization's support for Assembly Bill 718—legislation creating individual income tax credit for sales tax paid for membership dues and events held by non-profit gun and sportsmen's clubs throughout the Badger State.

By creating participation incentives in shooting sports activities, AB 718 promotes membership in local gun ranges and rewards citizens who support these local shooting clubs, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) hunting and firearm safety courses, and special events that encourage youth to get involved in the outdoors and shooting. The shooting sports community is already heavily taxed and AB 718 counters that level of taxation, providing relief.

But ultimately, this legislation can only strengthen the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms. The staff and members of Wisconsin Gun Owners, Inc. (WGO) are glad to support this piece of legislation, provided that no anti-gun amendments are attached to the bill.

Should you need assistance in mobilizing grassroots support for AB 718, do not hesitate to contact me.

For Liberty,

Corey Graff
Executive Director



Twin City Rod & Gun Club
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November 9, 2005

Mr. Steve Wieckert
State Representative
57th Assembly District
3033 W. Spencer St.
Appleton, WI 54914

Representative Wieckert,

The Twin City Rod & Gun Club has received your letter on **Bill AB 718 - Gun Club Bill**. Thank you for notifying us on the status of your bill and of the upcoming public hearing on November 16, 2005.

The 3300+ members of the Twin City Rod & Gun Club support your efforts on passing Bill AB 718 to eliminate sales tax on club memberships and club events.

As a public gun club, we continue to help local organizations conduct hunters' education and other firearm safety courses at our club throughout the year. The passing of your bill will allow the Twin City Rod & Gun Club to further our efforts on these educational issues.

The members of the Twin City Rod and Gun Club look forward to hearing from you on the status of Bill AB 718.

For the Twin City Rod and Gun Club,

Daniel Safranski
Secretary
Twin City Rod & Gun Club

February 4, 2006

The following individuals strongly encourage the Wisconsin State Senate to adopt Assembly Bill 718 which provides an individual income tax credit for the sales tax paid on a gun club membership or admission if the gun club provides safety classes for at least 25 individuals in the calendar year:

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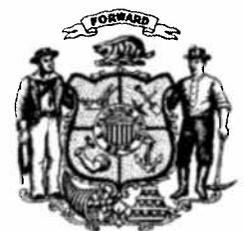
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Testimony of State Representative Steve Wieckert

Assembly Bill 718 – Gun Club Sales Tax Credit *Senate Committee on Job Creation, Economic Development, & Consumer Affairs* *Room 330 Southwest – March 1, 2006*

Good afternoon Chairman Ted Kanavas and committee members. Thank you for holding a hearing today on Assembly Bill 718, regarding a sales tax credit for gun and conservation club memberships.

This legislation would preserve the sales tax exemption for a gun club's membership sales and event fees. I am proposing this legislation because recently the Wisconsin Department of Revenue has begun to charge gun clubs a sales tax. In almost every case, these clubs have never been required to pay this tax in the past. In fact, not only does the Department of Revenue want to start charging this tax going forward, but they also want to impose the tax retroactively. This is viewed by many as an expansion of our sales tax base by the Administration.

These gun clubs have provided valuable, if not vital, safety training programs for many years for a wide range of outdoor sporting programs including hunter education, bow hunters safety, snowmobile safety, ATV safety, and many others. This is an invaluable service for communities throughout Wisconsin.

This bill creates an individual income tax credit for the sales tax paid on the purchase of a gun club membership or admissions to any activity that is open to the public and offered by the gun club, if the gun club is a nonprofit organization and if the gun club provides safety classes approved by the Department of Natural Resources to at least 25 individuals in the calendar year.

The valuable activities that Gun Clubs provide to their communities throughout the state are one of Wisconsin's best kept secrets. They deserve recognition and a small tax break for their service. At the very least, they should be treated fairly, just like any other nonprofit organization in the state.

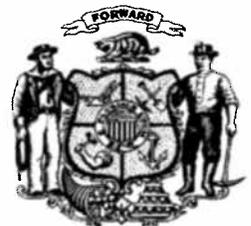
This legislation is supported by:

- National Rifle Association
- Wisconsin Gun Owners Inc.
- Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters
- Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
- Whitetails of Wisconsin

Thank you. At this time I would be happy to answer any questions of the committee.



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Outagamie Conservation Club

WHAT WE DO

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1. Hunter Education Class:

Number of certified instructors: 14 instructors
Number of students certified each year: 260 students
Number of volunteer hours each year: 660 hours

2. Bow Hunters Safety Class:

Number of certified instructors: 3 instructors
Number of students certified each year: 100 students
Number of volunteer hours each year: 70 hours

3. Snowmobile Safety Class:

Number of certified instructors: 5 instructors
Number of students certified each year: 70 students
Number of volunteer hours each year: 65 hours

4. Boating Safety Class:

Number of certified instructors: 6 instructors
Number of students certified each year: 50 students
Number of volunteer hours each year: 100 hours

5. ATV Safety Class:

Number of certified instructors: 7 instructors
Number of students certified each year: 50 students
Number of volunteer hours each year: 100 hours

The Outagamie Conservation Club is operated completely by volunteers. We have 18 people on our Board of Directors that handles all operation of the club, including tending bar when the clubhouse is open and attending two meetings every month.

Freedom Hunter Education program does not have a facility to graduate their students so we open our clubhouse for this. We have volunteers that come out and help. We have about 10 people that volunteer for this at about 4 hours each, total 40 hours.

The Outagamie Conservation Club sponsors youth trap shooting during the summer for young adults from 12 years old to 17 years old. There are approximately 150 young adults shooting three Mondays each month. The first time shooter shoot for free, the second year they shoot, we charge them only our cost for shells and targets. One parent from each team must show up each night that their team shoots. We have approximately 20 adult volunteers each night to insure a safe night of shooting.

This year we will be starting a youth Archery League. We have 13 youth bows and arrows so these young adults will be able to shoot without going out and buying their own equipment.

We are also in the process of getting a youth air rifle shooting area set up so the young kids can come out and learn the safe handling of guns at an early age.

We will be sponsoring a youth Trap team that will compete in the Badger State Games. This will include sponsor fees, transportation and shooting vests.

The Outagamie Conservation Club sponsor a take-a-kid fishing day. There is no cost to any young adult under 16 years of age that want to fish in our club pond. We have approximately 200 kids fishing every year. Trophies and door prizes are given after a good day of fishing. Each kid will win something.

Once a year we sponsor WOW (Womans Outdoor Workshop) There are about 60 woman that come out to our club to learn many outdoor activities. We have many people that volunteer for this all day event.

Once a year we have students from Gerrit Middle School that come out to the clubhouse for two half day events. This last year they built their own jigging poles and than fished in out pond. They also shot BB guns, learned snowmobile safety and ATV safety at no charge to the students. We supply all necessary equipment and volunteers.

Once a year we send volunteers to three different locations for Safety Day. One person goes to Freedom for the Safety Day with the Freedom Fire Department. One person goes to each of the Home Depot stores in our area.

The Boy Scouts in our area us our club grounds for camp-outs at no charge. We have also had three Boy Scouts earn their Eagle Scout award on our property.

Once a year we donate money to the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation for their District 5 Banquet.

We have many activities that we have students from local school come out to get their community service hours in. They help park cars at our Snowmobile/ATV Races. They also come out and help with our Haunted Hayride to help spook the people. There are about 70 students that come out

to help with the Haunted Hayride.

We have volunteers that help the Department of Natural Resources with the Sturgeon watch in our area. These people work a 12 hour shift either from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM or relieve the 7:00 PM shift and work until 7:00 AM.

In the early 1980's the Outagamie Conservation Club installed a dusk to dawn light at the Buchman Boat Landing on Hwy MM north of Hortonville. We have also paid a \$10.00 per month light bill since the installation.

The Department of Natural Resources uses our Clubhouse for a few activities that they have during the year. Once a year the Conservation Wardens from our area have a banquet for the volunteer safety instructors from Outagamie County. The DNR and the Outagamie Sheriff's Department have two classes a year at our clubhouse for the Civilian Volunteer Snow Patrol. There is no charge to the DNR or the Sheriff's Department.

The Snowmobile Club that grooms the trails in our area are able to hold their monthly meetings at our clubhouse with no charge to them. We also donate our club grounds to the snowmobile club for their fund raiser.

We have our own web-site that has about 40 other links to other conservation organizations.

We are life members of Mosquito Hill Nature Center in New London and a life member of 1000 Islands Nature Center in Kaukauna.