

Fiscal Estimate - 2007 Session

- Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 07-2726/1	Introduction Number AB-0412
Description Crimes committed against individuals who are at least 65 years old and providing penalties	
Fiscal Effect	
State:	
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
Local:	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	
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5.Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
Fund Sources Affected	
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Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Assembly Bill 412 creates a penalty enhancer for crimes committed against individuals age 65 or older. As a result, crimes against those age 65 or older that ordinarily are a Class A misdemeanor become a felony. Crimes that are ordinarily felonies remain felonies and crimes that are Class B or C misdemeanors remain misdemeanors, but the fines and prison terms are increased.

While most felony prosecutions are handled by local district attorneys, assistant attorneys general in the Department of Justice's Criminal Litigation Unit on occasion act as special prosecutors throughout Wisconsin at the request of district attorneys under certain circumstances in felony cases. In addition, the Department of Justice's Criminal Appeals Unit represents the State of Wisconsin in defending felony convictions when those convictions are challenged in state or federal court. Under Wisconsin law, this unit is charged with preparing briefs and presenting arguments in front of any state appellate or federal court hearing a challenge to a felony conviction.

It is possible that the enactment of Assembly Bill 412 could result in an increase caseload for the department's Criminal Litigation and Criminal Appeals Units. However, the department anticipates that any increased caseload would be relatively small and could most likely be absorbed with existing resources.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications