

2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 72

February 17, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives MASON, PASCH, HILGENBERG, PARISI, ZEPNICK and TOLES. Referred to Joint Committee on Finance.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 560.9808 (2) (b) 2. of the statutes; **relating to:** grants for
2 providing shelter for homeless individuals and families in the vicinity of the
3 state capitol building and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Commerce (department) awards grants to agencies and shelter facilities that provide temporary shelter for homeless individuals and families. Grant proceeds may be used to supplement the operating budgets of agencies and shelter facilities that have, or anticipate, a need for additional funding because of the renovation or expansion of an existing shelter facility, the development of an existing building into a shelter facility, the expansion of shelter services for homeless persons, or an inability to obtain adequate funding for an existing level of services. Current law requires the department to allocate in each year at least \$400,000 to eligible applicants located in Milwaukee County; at least \$66,500 to eligible applicants located in Dane County; and at least \$100,000 to eligible applicants not in Milwaukee County or Dane County.

This bill increases the general purpose revenue tax incremental appropriation that funds temporary shelter grants in both fiscal years of the 2009–11 fiscal biennium by \$50,000. Under the bill, the department must allocate at least \$116,500 in each year to eligible applicants in Dane County. Of that amount, the bill requires the department to allocate not less than \$50,000 in each year to eligible applicants that provide temporary shelter for homeless individuals and families in the vicinity of the state capitol.

