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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Representative Mary Williams

**From:** Joseph T. Kreye, Sr. Legislative Attorney, (608) 266-2263

**Subject:** Technical Memorandum to **2009 AB 477** (LRB-3363/1) by **DOR**

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We received the attached technical memorandum relating to your bill. This copy is for your information and your file.

If you wish to discuss this memorandum or the necessity of revising your bill or preparing an amendment, please contact me.

**MEMORANDUM**

October 16, 2009

**TO:** Joseph Kreye  
Legislative Reference Bureau

**FROM:** Rebecca Boldt  
Department of Revenue

**SUBJECT:** Technical Memorandum on AB 477 (LRB 3363/1) – Jobs Tax Credit Effective Date

The Department has the following technical concern with the above-referenced bill:

There could be significant problems for taxpayers, the department, and software developers resulting from moving up the effective date to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008.

Contracts that the department has with the firms that print the income tax forms and instructions require the tax form booklets to be sent to the printer by November 15. In order to meet this deadline, the tax forms are already in the final proofing stages. This proposal would require an entirely new schedule, new lines on Schedule CR (which would affect every one of the major individual and corporate forms), revised instructions for Schedule CR and each of the major individual and corporate forms, and changes to numerous publications. It is very possible that the department would not be able to meet the print deadlines for tax year 2009. In addition, if this proposal is enacted after the forms go to the printer, there would be considerable cost to the department to reprint forms.

If the printing deadline is not met, taxpayers may not receive the booklets until late January. There are many taxpayers who want to file their returns early in January, especially those taxpayers who qualify for homestead credit or are due a refund.

Software developers and programmers will also have difficulty in adopting an additional form at this late date. This too could delay the ability of taxpayers to file their returns until after the developers have incorporated the changes.

If the bill is passed after tax form booklets have been mailed, the Department would be required to reprint and mail the updated forms. The cost to reprint and mail Forms 3, 4, and 5 can be absorbed by the Department due to the relatively smaller numbers of those forms which are printed and mailed in a year. However, the Department would not be able to absorb the cost of reprinting and mailing Forms 1 and 1NPR. The proposed legislation makes no provision for the funding of the one-time costs involved in reprinting and mailing updated Forms 1 and 1NPR. If the author wishes to provide funding, appropriation language could be developed and costs allocated in the following manner:

	<b>Chapter 20</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>FTE</b>
Printing and mailing	s. 20.566 (1) (a)	\$ 90,500	0

If you have any questions regarding this technical memorandum, please contact Michael Oakleaf at 261-5173 or via email at [Michael.oakleaf@revenue.wi.gov](mailto:Michael.oakleaf@revenue.wi.gov).

cc: Rep. Mary Williams