



2009 SENATE BILL 257

1 AN ACT *to amend* 49.138 (1m) (intro.) of the statutes; **relating to:** emergency
2 assistance grants.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 SECTION 1. 49.138 (1m) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 49.138 (1m) (intro.) The department shall implement a program of emergency
5 assistance to needy persons in cases of fire, flood, natural disaster, homelessness or
6 impending homelessness, or energy crisis. The department shall establish the
7 maximum amount amounts of aid to be granted, ~~except for cases of energy crisis, per~~
8 ~~family member based on the funding available under s. 20.437 (2) (dz) and (md).~~ The
9 department need not establish the maximum amount amounts by rule under ch. 227.
10 The department shall publish the maximum amount ~~and annual changes to it~~

SENATE BILL 257**SECTION 1**

1 amounts in the Wisconsin administrative register if the department does not
2 establish the maximum amounts by rule. Emergency assistance provided to needy
3 persons under this section may only be provided to a needy person once in a
4 12-month period. Emergency assistance provided to needy persons under this
5 section in cases of homelessness or impending homelessness may be used only to
6 obtain or retain a permanent living accommodation. For the purposes of this section,
7 a family is considered to be homeless, or to be facing impending homelessness, if any
8 of the following applies:

9 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

10 (1) This act first applies to determinations of aid payment amounts that are
11 made on the effective date of this subsection.

12 (END)