



2011 SENATE BILL 171

August 23, 2011 – Introduced by Senators TAYLOR, SCHULTZ and RISSER, cosponsored by Representatives TOLES, FIELDS, SINICKI and GRIGSBY. Referred to Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 71.05 (6) (b) 47. of the statutes; **relating to:** exempting from
2 income taxation certain employer–paid fringe benefits for mass transit
3 expenses.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates an individual income tax exemption for the cost of a public transportation pass provided by an employer to an employee, or for the money paid by an employer to an employee to purchase such a pass, of up to \$230 per month. Under current federal law, for taxable years beginning in 2010, such passes, or funds to pay for such passes, provided to an employee that have a value of \$230 per month or less are exempt from the income tax. This federal exemption applies for Wisconsin purposes.

This bill first applies to taxable years beginning on January 1, 2011, except that if the bill takes effect after July 31, 2011, it first applies to taxable years beginning on January 1, 2012.

Because this bill relates to an exemption from state or local taxes, it may be referred to the Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions for a report to be printed as an appendix to the bill.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

