AN ACT to renumber and amend 71.05 (10) (c); and to create 71.05 (10) (c) 2.

of the statutes; relating to: federalizing the treatment of capital losses.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the maximum amount of a capital loss that may be deducted from income each year is $500; the federal limit is $3,000.

For taxable years beginning on January 1, 2012, this bill federalizes the treatment of capital losses by eliminating the $500 annual limit on capital loss deductions.

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:

SECTION 1. 71.05 (10) (c) of the statutes is renumbered 71.05 (10) (c) 1. and amended to read:

71.05 (10) (c) 1. The amount required so that the net capital loss, after netting capital gains and capital losses to arrive at total capital gain or loss, is offset against
ordinary income only to the extent of $500. Losses in excess of $500 shall be carried
forward to the next taxable year and offset against ordinary income up to the limit
under this paragraph subdivision. Losses shall be used in the order in which they
accrue. This subdivision does not apply to any taxable year that begins after
December 31, 2011.

SECTION 2. 71.05 (10) (c) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

71.05 (10) (c) 2. Any Wisconsin loss carry-forwards that exist as of December
31, 2011, shall be allowed as provided under section 1211 (b) of the Internal Revenue
Code.