



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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<b>Description</b> Marijuana possession, regulation of marijuana distribution, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of marijuana, making an appropriation, requiring the exercise of rule-making authority, and providing penalties					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill changes State law to allow Wisconsin residents over the age of 21 to possess certain amounts of marijuana and marijuana-infused products. Non-residents over age 21 will be allowed to possess smaller amounts of marijuana and marijuana-infused products. The bill establishes a procedure for a person to obtain a permit to sell marijuana.

Some District Attorneys (DAs) believe this bill, if enacted, could reduce prosecutors' workload pertaining to the prosecution of possession and use of minor amounts of marijuana. However, they acknowledge that many jurisdictions have enacted ordinances allowing possession of marijuana, which has reduced the number of charged cases. In addition, some DA offices already have adjusted their practices to so that they do not charge possession of small amounts of THC. DAs believe that if their workload is reduced due to enactment of this bill, they will have an opportunity to give attention to categories of cases that they have been unable to prosecute due to workforce limitations.

Other DAs believe that this bill will dramatically increase their workload for a number of reasons, including prosecution of the following: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of THC; violations of the law (e.g. - possession of more THC than is allowed; sale of THC to minors; the sale, distribution, or transfer of marijuana without a permit); the crimes people will commit to get money for the purchase of THC; etc.

At this time, there is insufficient data available to provide an estimate of the potential cost of this bill. Consequently, the fiscal effect of this bill is indeterminate.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

See the discussion above. The long-range fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate.