

**2015 DRAFTING REQUEST**

**Assembly Substitute Amendment (ASA-AB188)**

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**Pre Topic:**

No specific pre topic given

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**Topic:**

Exceptions to requirement, audit for cost/benefit, and caseworker availability

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**Instructions:**

See attached

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## Kahler, Pam

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**From:** Sweeney, Rebekah  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 10:53 AM  
**To:** Kahler, Pam  
**Subject:** RUSH: Drafting Request for AB 188

Best laid plans...

The members would like a sub amendment to AB 188 to include the following elements:

1. Exemption of household with senior citizen
2. Exemption of household that has a disabled individual
3. Requires DHS perform a biennial audit, discontinue measures if costs outweigh savings
4. Require DHS to ensure that a recipient may contact a local caseworker for assistance in returning unused benefits that have been moved offline

In essence, the sub would include committee amendments 1, 2, 3, and 5.

Of course, we need this sub as soon as possible. Please let me know if you have questions – and thank you so much.

Becky

Rebekah Sweeney  
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**From:** Kahler, Pam  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 1:04 PM  
**To:** Sweeney, Rebekah <Rebekah.Sweeney@legis.wisconsin.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Drafting Request for AB 188

No problem!

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**From:** Sweeney, Rebekah  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 1:02 PM  
**To:** Kahler, Pam <Pam.Kahler@legis.wisconsin.gov>  
**Subject:** Drafting Request for AB 188

October 29, 2015

Dear Pam,

Hope this note finds you doing well.

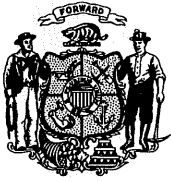
Rep. Jorgensen would like to have AA 3 to AB 188 redrafted for the floor debate next Tuesday. Here's a link to the language from the original amendment: [http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2015/related/amendments/ab188/aa3\\_ab188](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2015/related/amendments/ab188/aa3_ab188)

Please let me know if you're able to help with this request.

Thank you!

Becky

Rebekah Sweeney  
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~~PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION~~  
ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT,  
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 188

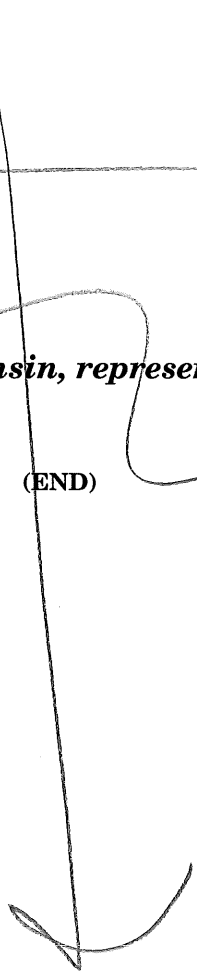
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1 AN ACT ...; relating to: ???

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

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(END)





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## 2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 188

April 22, 2015 – Introduced by Representatives JACQUE, KERKMAN, KREMER, ALLEN, BALLWEG, E. BROOKS, R. BROOKS, CRAIG, CZAJA, EDMING, GANNON, HEATON, HORLACHER, KLEEFISCH, KNODL, KNUDSON, KULP, T. LARSON, MURPHY, MURSAU, NEYLON, A. OTT, PETERSEN, QUINN, RIPP and STEFFEN, cosponsored by Senators COWLES, GUDEX and LASEE. Referred to Committee on Public Benefit Reform.

- 1     **AN ACT** *to create* 49.79 (11) of the statutes; **relating to:** removing FoodShare  
2           benefits from an inactive account and expunging unused benefits after one  
3           year.

### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

The federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), known as FoodShare in Wisconsin and formerly known as the Food Stamp Program, provides benefits to eligible low-income households for the purchase of food. FoodShare is administered by the Department of Health Services (DHS). The state and the federal government share the cost of administration. Benefits, which are electronically debited to a Quest card, are paid entirely with federal funds. Any benefit amount that is not used in the month of receipt is carried over and may be used by the recipient for up to one year.

This bill requires DHS to remove and store offline all FoodShare benefits posted to a recipient's benefit account if the account has not been accessed in six months or longer. The benefits must be made available again to the recipient if the recipient requests them or reapplies for FoodShare benefits, whichever is appropriate under the circumstances. DHS must attempt to notify the recipient before removing the benefits and must describe how the benefits may be returned to the account. The bill also directs DHS to expunge any FoodShare benefits that have not been used after one year, regardless of whether the benefits are being stored offline or are posted to active accounts.

**ASSEMBLY BILL 188**

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:*

1 SECTION 1. 49.79 (11) of the statutes is created to read: ✓

2 49.79 (11) TREATMENT OF INACTIVE ACCOUNTS; EXPUNGEMENT OF UNUSED BENEFITS.

3 (a) If, for a period of 6 months or longer, an individual or household that is receiving  
4 benefits under this section through an electronic benefit transfer system uses no  
5 benefits that have been posted to the individual's or household's benefit account, the  
6 department shall remove all benefits from the account electronically and store them  
7 offline. The benefits being stored offline shall be made available to the individual or  
8 household again within 48 hours after a request by the individual or a member of the  
9 household to restore the benefits or upon reapplication by the individual or  
10 household for benefits under this section, whichever is appropriate under the  
11 circumstances. The department shall attempt to notify the individual or household  
12 before benefits are removed from the account under this paragraph and shall  
13 describe the steps that the individual or household must take to get the benefits  
14 returned to the account. → insert 2-14

15 (b) The department shall expunge any benefits that have not been used after  
16 a period of one year, regardless of whether either of the following applies:

- 17 1. The benefits have been removed from an inactive benefit account under par.  
18 (a) and are being stored offline.
- 19 2. The benefits are still posted to an active account.

20 (END)

insert 2-19A  
insert 2-19B



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ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 5,  
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 188

September 28, 2015 - Offered by Representative SPREITZER.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

2 1. Page 2, line 14: after "account." insert "The department shall ensure that  
3 an individual or household whose benefits have been removed and are being stored  
4 offline may contact a caseworker at the county level for assistance in getting the  
5 benefits returned to the account immediately."

6 (END)

Insert 2-14

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ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1,  
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 188

September 28, 2015 - Offered by Representative JORGENSEN.

*Insert 249A*

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

2 1. Page 2, line 19: after that line insert:

3 ~~(c)~~ "(c) Paragraphs (a) and (b) shall not apply to an individual, or a household that  
4 contains an individual, who is 65 years of age or older."

5 (END)

*or  
who is disabled, as  
defined in s. 46.985(1)(d)*





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ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 3,  
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 188

September 28, 2015 - Offered by Representative JORGENSEN.

1 At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

2 1. Page 2, line 19: after that line insert:

3 *Cx* *d*  
4 "Annually, beginning 2 years after implementing the process under this  
5 subsection, the department shall assess its costs and savings resulting from the  
6 process and shall discontinue the process if the costs exceed the savings".

(END)

Insert 2-19B