

**2015 Senate Bill 252 (LRB -2781)**

An Act to amend 79.04 (5) (a) (intro.) and 79.04 (5) (b) (intro.) of the statutes; relating to: utility aid payments for decommissioned or closed production plants. (FE)

**2015**

09-09.	S.	Introduced by Senators <b>Lasee</b> and <b>Marklein</b> ; cosponsored by Representatives <b>Kitchens</b> and <b>Tranel</b> .	405
09-09.	S.	Read first time and referred to Committee on Government Operations and Consumer Protection	405
09-09.	S.	Senator Petrowski added as a coauthor	405
09-10.	S.	Public hearing held	
09-10.	S.	Executive action taken	
09-11.	S.	Report passage recommended by Committee on Government Operations and Consumer Protection, Ayes 5, Noes 0	410
09-11.	S.	Available for scheduling	
09-11.	S.	Fiscal estimate received	
09-15.	S.	Referred to joint committee on Finance by Committee on Senate Organization pursuant to Senate Rule 41 (1)(e), Ayes 4, Noes 0	413
09-15.	S.	Withdrawn from joint committee on Finance and made Available for Scheduling by committee on Senate Organization, pursuant to Senate Rule 41 (1)(e), Ayes 4, Noes 0	413
09-15.	S.	Placed on calendar 9-16-2015 pursuant to Senate Rule 18(1)	414
09-16.	S.	Read a second time	420
09-16.	S.	Ordered to a third reading	420
09-16.	S.	Rules suspended	420
09-16.	S.	Read a third time and <b>passed</b> , Ayes 32, Noes 0	420
09-16.	S.	Ordered immediately messaged	420
09-17.	A.	Received from Senate	277
09-18.	A.	Read first time and referred to committee on Rules	281
09-22.	A.	Placed on calendar 9-24-2015 by Committee on Rules	
09-24.	A.	Read a second time	295
09-24.	A.	Ordered to a third reading	295
09-24.	A.	Rules suspended	295
09-24.	A.	Read a third time and <b>concurred in</b>	295
09-24.	A.	Ordered immediately messaged	295
09-24.	S.	Received from Assembly concurred in	



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**ADOPTED DOCUMENTS:**

**Orig**     **Engr**         **SubAmdt**     

**15** 2781/3

**Amendments to above (if none, write "NONE"):** None

**Corrections - show date (if none, write "NONE"):** None

**Topic** RELATING CLAUSE

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**Date**

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## 2015 SENATE BILL 252

September 9, 2015 – Introduced by Senators LASEE and MARKLEIN, cosponsored by Representatives KITCHENS and TRANEL. Referred to Committee on Government Operations and Consumer Protection.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 79.04 (5) (a) (intro.) and 79.04 (5) (b) (intro.) of the statutes;  
2             **relating to:** utility aid payments for decommissioned or closed production  
3             plants.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill provides that if a production plant that is exempt from property taxes is decommissioned or closed, and therefore becomes taxable, the county and municipality where the plant is located receive a utility aid payment for the first five years in which the plant is subject to the property tax in an amount equal to a percentage of the utility aid payment that the county or municipality received for the last year in which the plant was exempt.

Under current law, the amount that a county and municipality receive as a utility aid payment for a decommissioned plant is reduced by the amount of property taxes that the plant owner paid during the year in which the county and municipality receive the payment.

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

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

4             **SECTION 1.** 79.04 (5) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

**SENATE BILL 252****SECTION 1**

1           79.04 (5) (a) (intro.) ~~Beginning with the distributions in 2005, if~~ If property that  
2 was exempt from the property tax under s. 70.112 (4) and that was used to generate  
3 power by a light, heat, or power company, except property under s. 66.0813, unless  
4 the production plant is owned or operated by a local governmental unit located  
5 outside of the municipality, or by an electric cooperative, or by a municipal electric  
6 company under s. 66.0825, is decommissioned or closed, the municipality shall be  
7 paid, from the public utility account, an amount ~~calculated by subtracting an amount~~  
8 ~~equal to the property taxes paid for that property during the current year to the~~  
9 ~~municipality for its general operations from~~ equal to the following percentages of the  
10 payment that the municipality received under this section during the last year that  
11 the property was exempt from the property tax:

12           **SECTION 2.** 79.04 (5) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

13           79.04 (5) (b) (intro.) ~~Beginning with the distributions in 2005, if~~ If property that  
14 was exempt from the property tax under s. 70.112 (4) and that was used to generate  
15 power by a light, heat, or power company, except property under s. 66.0813, unless  
16 the production plant is owned or operated by a local governmental unit located  
17 outside of the municipality, or by an electric cooperative, or by a municipal electric  
18 company under s. 66.0825, is decommissioned or closed, the county shall be paid,  
19 from the public utility account, an amount ~~calculated by subtracting an amount~~  
20 ~~equal to the property taxes paid for that property during the current year to the~~  
21 ~~county for its general operations from~~ equal to the following percentages of the  
22 payment the county received under this section during the last year that the property  
23 was exempt from the property tax:

24           **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

