



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**January 2018 Special Session
Assembly Bill 3**

**Assembly
Amendment 1**

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JANUARY 2018 SPECIAL SESSION ASSEMBLY BILL 3

January 2018 Special Session Assembly Bill 3 (“the bill”) specifies asset restrictions for eligibility for Wisconsin Works (W-2), Wisconsin Shares, and FoodShare related to the value of recipients’ homes and vehicles. Under the bill, to be eligible for any of these programs, recipients cannot have more than one home, which cannot be valued at more than 200% of the statewide median for homes, excluding the value of agricultural land. For participation in Wisconsin Shares and FoodShare, the combined equity value of any vehicles, except those used for business purposes, cannot be more than \$20,000. For W-2, the bill retains the current standard which limits the equity value of a W-2 work group’s vehicles to \$10,000.

The bill also allows the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the Department of Health Services (DHS) to establish hardship exemptions to the above by rule. In addition, the bill specifies that the FoodShare restrictions only apply to the extent allowed under federal law, and do not apply to an individual who is elderly, blind, disabled, or under 19 years old.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 requires DHS and DCF to perform a comparison, at least once every three months, of each department’s respective public benefit database information against nationally recognized databases that contain information on death records to identify participants in public benefits programs that are deceased. Any participant who is found to be deceased must be designated as ineligible for benefits in any applicable database. These requirements do not, however, apply to DCF with regard to Wisconsin Shares child care subsidies.

BILL HISTORY

Representative Summerfield offered Assembly Amendment 1 on February 15, 2018. On February 15, 2018, the Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1.

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