AN ACT to amend 66.0602 (3) (h) 1., 66.0602 (3) (h) 2. a. and 66.0602 (3) (h) 2. b.; and to create 66.0602 (1) (ak) of the statutes; relating to: an exception from local levy limits for certain amounts levied for charges assessed by a joint emergency medical services department.

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

SECTION 1e. 66.0602 (1) (ak) of the statutes is created to read:

66.0602 (1) (ak) “Joint emergency medical services district” means a joint emergency medical services district organized by any combination of 2 or more cities, villages, or towns under s. 66.0301 (2).

SECTION 1m. 66.0602 (3) (h) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

66.0602 (3) (h) 1. Subject to subd. 2., the limit otherwise applicable under this section does not apply to the amount that a city, village, or town levies in that year to pay for charges assessed by a joint fire department or a joint emergency medical services district, but only to the extent that the amount levied to pay for such charges would cause the city, village, or town to exceed the limit that is otherwise applicable under this section.

SECTION 2. 66.0602 (3) (h) 2. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

66.0602 (3) (h) 2. a. The total charges assessed by the joint fire department or the joint emergency medical services district for the current year increase, relative to the total charges assessed by the joint fire department or the joint emergency medical services district for the previous year, by a percentage that is less than or equal to the percentage change in the U.S. consumer price index for all urban consumers, U.S. city average, as determined by the U.S. department of labor, for the 12 months ending on September 30 of the year of the levy, plus 2 percent.

SECTION 3. 66.0602 (3) (h) 2. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

66.0602 (3) (h) 2. b. The governing body of each city, village, and town that is served by the joint fire department or the joint emergency medical services district adopts a resolution in favor of exceeding the limit as described in subd. 1.

SECTION 4. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to a levy that is imposed in December 2020.