

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description requiring retail sellers to accept cash and providing a penalty		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Assembly Bill 364 would create Wis. Stat. § 100.75 to require a retailer who sells goods or services from a physical location to accept cash as payment during a face-to-face sale with a consumer, unless the person is otherwise prohibited by law from accepting cash. A retailer who violates this requirement is subject to a civil forfeiture of \$200 to \$5,000.

The department anticipates a minimal increase in workload upon passage of this bill. The department does not currently regulate whether retailers accept cash and thus would not know how many complaints would be received in any given year. Therefore, the department would establish a new consumer complaint category. After department investigation, violations would be referred to local prosecutors.

The department does not expect to need additional FTEs to conduct this work since the intent of the legislation is to enforce the new law and refer for prosecution. Therefore, any fiscal impact on the department would be minimal.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

It is not clear how many complaints DATCP will receive under this bill as this is a new line of enforcement.