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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2019 Senate Bill 487**

**Senate Amendment 1**

### **2019 SENATE BILL 487**

Under the state's levy limit law, current law provides an exception from local levy limits for amounts levied by a municipality to pay for charges assessed by a joint fire department, to the extent such charges would cause the municipality to exceed the limit that is otherwise applicable. The exception only applies if the joint fire department's total charges increase at an amount less than or equal to the consumer price index plus two percent, and if the governing body of the municipality claiming the exception adopts a resolution in favor of exceeding the levy limit.

2019 Senate Bill 487 expands the joint fire department exception to the levy limits to also include payments for charges assessed by a joint emergency medical services district, as first applied to the levy imposed in December 2019.

### **SENATE AMENDMENT 1**

Senate Amendment 1 specifically defines a joint emergency medical services district to mean a joint emergency medical services district organized by any combination of two or more cities, villages, or towns under an intergovernmental cooperation contract. The amendment also revises the bill to first apply to the levy imposed in December 2020.

### **BILL HISTORY**

Senator Nass offered Senate Amendment 1 on October 4, 2019. On January 29, 2020, the Senate Committee Agriculture, Revenue, and Financial Institutions recommended adoption of Senate Amendment 1 and passage of the bill, as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

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