January 24, 2020 - Introduced by Senator RINGHAND, cosponsored by Representative KOLSTE, by request of a constituent. Referred to Committee on Public Benefits, Licensing and State-Federal Relations.

AN ACT to amend 46.286 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes; relating to: eligibility for the family care benefit for individuals who are deaf-blind.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill grants functional eligibility for the family care benefit to people who are deaf-blind, as defined in the bill. Under current law, a person must meet certain criteria in order to have entitlement to the family care benefit, including that the person is at least 18 years of age; the person has a physical or developmental disability, or is a frail elder; and that the person is both functionally and financially eligible based on the standards described in the statute.

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

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

SECTION 1. 46.286 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

46.286 (1) (a) Functional eligibility. (intro.) A person is functionally eligible if the person is deaf-blind, as defined in 29 USC 1905, or if the person’s level of care need, as determined by the department or its designee, is either of the following:

(END)