REPORT STATE OF WISCONSIN JOINT SURVEY COMMITTEE ON TAX EXEMPTIONS 2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 353

[Introduced by Representative Steffen and cosponsored by Senator Bradley]

This report relates to 2023 Assembly Bill 353, relating to creating a sales and use tax exemption for the sale of certain memberships to a real estate broker.

GENERAL NATURE OF PROPOSAL

The bill creates an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of a membership to a licensed real estate broker who, pursuant to a membership agreement, offers to compensate and cooperate with other real estate brokers in brokering sales of properties.

LEGALITY INVOLVED

There are no questions of legality involving the tax exemption provisions created in the bill.

FISCAL EFFECT

The Department of Revenue estimates that the sales and use tax exemption will result in a state revenue decrease of about \$37,500 annually, with a decrease in county sales tax revenue of about \$3,000 annually. However, the department indicates that the actual decrease in sales tax collections is expected to be minimal given the level of compliance by affected parties under current law.

PUBLIC POLICY INVOLVED

The Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions finds that the tax exemption related provisions in the bill are good public policy on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, o.

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