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2025 Wisconsin Act 14 [2025 Senate Bill 283]

Public Protective Services Hearing Protection

2025 Wisconsin Act 14 requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to enter into a contract with a manufacturer of hearing protection devices to administer a public protective services hearing protection program. The contract must require that the hearing protection devices satisfy certain requirements and that the manufacturer, upon request, provide devices to law enforcement and fire protective agencies in this state in the number requested by the agency.

The act provides that devices provided under the program shall be provided as follows:

- For a state law enforcement agency, devices must be provided at no charge in any number requested by the agency.
- For a law enforcement agency or fire protective agency, other than a state law enforcement agency, devices must be provided at no charge in a number equal to 20 percent of the total number of law enforcement officers or firefighters employed by the agency or 10 devices, whichever is fewer. For any other devices requested by those agencies, devices must be provided in any number requested, upon payment of 50 percent of the cost of the device.

Effective date: July 4, 2025

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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