

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on State Affairs

Assembly Bill 197

Relating to: a levy limit exemption for regional emergency medical systems and eligibility for the expenditure restraint incentive program.

By Representatives Kurtz, Gustafson, Behnke, Dittrich, Donovan, Duchow, Franklin, Green, Kaufert, Kitchens, Maxey, Melotik, Moses, Mursau, Neubauer, Palmeri, Piwowarczyk, Steffen, Subeck, Udell, VanderMeer and Nedweski; cosponsored by Senators Marklein, James, Cabral-Guevara, Nass, Pfaff, Spreitzer and Testin.

April 15, 2025 Referred to Committee on State Affairs

April 23, 2025 **Public Hearing Held**

Present: (9) Representative Swearingen; Representatives Green, Summerfield, Moses, Spiros, Piowarczyk, Sinicki, Kirsch and Roe.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (1) Representative Wittke.

Appearances For

- Allen Weckwerth - Town of Princeton/Green Lake County
- Joe Ruth - Wisconsin Town Association
- Michael Jessen - Richland County EMS
- Lynn Kirschbaum - Glen Haven Fire and EMS
- Christopher Leopold - Mauston Area Ambulance
- Randall Pickering - Edgerton Fire Protection District
- Chief Bruce Peterson - Fort Atkinson Fire Department
- Bruce Henner - Fort Atkinson Fire Dept.
- Logan Fuller - The Village of Winneconne
- Alan DeYoung - Wisconsin EMS Association
- Chanse Kaczmarzky - WI EMS Association
- Valerie Bruggeman - Superior Ambulance
- Robert Whitaker - North Shore Fire Dept
- Matt Schueke - Village of McFarland
- Toni Herkert - League of WI Municipalities
- Joe Dulvermacher - WI State Fire Chiefs
- Steve Denzien - WI State Fire Chiefs
- Rep. Tony Kurtz - Wisconsin State Assembly
- Sen. Howard Marklein - Wisconsin State Senate
- Jerry Biggart - Professional Fire Fighter of WI

Appearances Against

- Cori Lamont - Wisconsin Realtors Association

Appearances for Information Only

- James Small - Wisconsin Office of Rural Health
- Jon Schultz - City of Eau Claire

Registrations For

- Wayne Jurecki - Bell Ambulance
- Chris Anderson - Professional Ambulance Association of Wisconsin
- Damian Kruse - Mauston Area Ambulance
- Tim Fiocchi - WI Farm Bureau
- George Klaetsch - WI State Fire Chiefs Association
- Matthew Jaggar - City of Eau Claire Fire Dept
- Chris Klahn - WI State Firefighters Association
- David Wiese - City of Omro
- Steve Bakos - Marshfield Fire and Rescue

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

Emmett Smith
Committee Clerk