



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2011 Assembly Bill 437

Assembly Amendment 1

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2011 Assembly Bill 437 creates an income and franchise tax credit for entities hiring unemployed veterans with a disability of at least 50%.

For hiring a full-time, unemployed, disabled veteran, the claimant may claim a tax credit of:

- \$4,000 for the first year.
- \$2,000 for each of the following three years.

For hiring a part-time, unemployed, disabled veteran, the claimant may claim a tax credit of:

- \$2,000 for the first year.
- \$1,000 for each of the following three years.

The bill, as introduced, also provides that the Department of Revenue (DOR) shall by June 30, 2013, make a recommendation to the Joint Committee on Finance about whether the tax credits should continue. The committee would then have a 14-day passive review period, meaning they would have 14 days to take action on the recommendation, but it is unclear what would happen if the committee took no action on the recommendation.

Assembly Amendment 1 clarifies that the claimant must have hired a disabled veteran who was receiving unemployment benefits at the time of the hire in order to be eligible to receive the tax credit provided by the bill. The amendment also provides that the Joint Committee on Finance review of the program is not a passive review, but instead requires the committee to determine whether the tax credit will continue, taking into consideration DOR's recommendation.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Wynn. On January 19, 2012, the Assembly Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 1. The committee then recommended passage of Assembly Bill 437, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 11; Noes, 0.

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