1995 SENATE BILL 579

February 28, 1996 – Introduced by Senator Breske, cosponsored by Representatives Ourada, Grothman and Seratti. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Agriculture and Local Affairs.

1 AN ACT *to amend* 66.75 (1) (g) of the statutes; **relating to:** changes in the applicability of the local room tax.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

In general, under current law, a municipality (city, village or town) may impose a room tax. The room tax is a tax on the privilege of furnishing, at retail, rooms or lodging to transients by hotel keepers and motel operators who furnish accommodations that are available to the public. A "transient" is defined as a person who resides for a continuous period of less than one month in a hotel or motel.

This bill changes the definition of transient, as it applies to the room tax, so that the room tax may not be imposed on a person who resides in the same hotel or motel for a period of 30 or more days within any consecutive 3 month period.

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. 66.75 (1) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

 66.75 (1) (g) "Transient" has the meaning given in s. 77.52 (2) (a) 1 means any

 person residing for a period of less than 30 days during any consecutive 3 month

 period in the same hotel, motel or other furnished accommodations available to the

 public.
 - Section 2. Initial applicability.

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This act first applies to a stay in a hotel, motel or other furnished (1) accommodations available to the public that begins on the effective date of this subsection.

4 (END)