



## 1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 171

March 11, 1997 – Introduced by Representatives URBAN, GARD, GREEN, FREESE, WASSERMAN, LADWIG, JENSEN, UNDERHEIM, ROBSON, BOCK, DUFF, WALKER, CARPENTER, JOHNSRUD, VRAKAS, SERATTI, MEYER, TURNER, DOBYNS, PORTER, HANDRICK, LAZICH, MURAT, ALBERS, POWERS, REYNOLDS, VANDER LOOP, OLSEN, HAHN, MUSSER, OWENS, GOETSCH, KREIBICH, F. LASEE, HANSON, L. YOUNG, HUTCHISON, GROTHMAN, SCHAFFER, BRANDEMUEHL, HASENOHRL and SPRINGER, cosponsored by Senators MOEN, WELCH, FARROW, WIRCH, BUETTNER, HUELSMAN, ROSENZWEIG, ZIEN, PANZER and DRZEWIECKI. Referred to Joint survey committee on Tax Exemptions.

1     **AN ACT to create** 77.54 (14) (f) of the statutes; **relating to:** a use tax exemption  
2     for medicines.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, if certain conditions are fulfilled medicines are exempt from the sales tax and the use tax. Medicines furnished to physicians and others as samples are subject to the use tax, which is imposed on the pharmaceutical company that furnishes the medicine. Under this bill, free samples of medicines that are furnished to a physician, surgeon, osteopath or licensed dentist and that may not be dispensed without a prescription are exempt from the use tax.

This bill will be referred to the joint survey committee on tax exemptions for a detailed analysis, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

3     **SECTION 1.** 77.54 (14) (f) of the statutes is created to read:  
4     77.54 (14) (f) Furnished without charge to a physician, surgeon or osteopath  
5     or to a dentist who is licensed under ch. 447 if the medicine may not be dispensed  
6     without a prescription.

