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## **1997 SENATE BILL 511**

March 19, 1998 – Introduced by Senator Burke, cosponsored by Representative Bock. Referred to Joint survey committee on Tax Exemptions.

AN ACT to create 71.05 (6) (b) 27. of the statutes; relating to: exempting from income taxation certain employer-paid fringe benefits for mass transit expenses.

#### Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates an individual income tax exemption for the cost of a public transportation pass provided by an employer to an employe, or for the money paid by an employer to an employe to purchase such a pass, if the value of the pass exceeds \$60 per month. Under current federal law, such passes, or funds to pay for such passes, provided to an employe that have a value of approximately \$60 per month or less are exempt from the income 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 the bill.

For further information see the *state* 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.** 71.05 (6) (b) 27. of the statutes is created to read:
- 5 71.05 (6) (b) 27. An amount paid by an employer to an employe for the purchase
- of a public transportation pass, token or fare card, or the value of such a pass, token

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or fare card provided by an employer to an employe, if the money provided for, or the
value of, the pass, token or fare card exceeds \$60 per month.

### SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to taxable years beginning on January 1 of the year in which this subsection takes effect, except that if this subsection takes effect after July 31, this act first applies to taxable years beginning on January 1 of the year following the year in which this subsection takes effect.

8 (END)