



2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 433

July 15, 2003 - Introduced by Representatives BALOW, GRONEMUS, BIES, STASKUNAS and PLOUFFE, cosponsored by Senators PLALE and A. LASEE. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 66.0143 (title); and *to create* 66.0143 (1) (c) and 66.0143 (5)
2 of the statutes; **relating to:** authorizing cities, villages, towns, and counties to
3 suspend their compliance with certain state mandates.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a city, village, town, or county (political subdivision) may request a waiver from a state mandate, other than a state mandate in the area of health or safety. A state mandate is defined as a requirement for a political subdivision to engage in an activity or provide a service, or to increase the level of its activities or services.

To act under current law, a political subdivision may file a request for a waiver from a state mandate with the Department of Revenue (DOR). DOR is required to forward the request to the administrative agency that is responsible for administering the state mandate. If no agency is responsible, the request remains with DOR. The agency, or DOR, determines whether to grant the request and notifies the political subdivision and DOR in writing. A waiver is effective for four years and may be extended.

Under this bill, a political subdivision may enact an ordinance to suspend its compliance with an unfunded state mandate, other than a mandate that relates to health or safety, for four years. An unfunded state mandate is defined as a state mandate for which the state does not provide a political subdivision with at least 70% of the amount of the political subdivision's costs of complying with the state mandate. A political subdivision may renew its ordinance to suspend its compliance with unfunded state mandates for additional four year periods.

