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2019 SENATE BILL 542

October 31, 2019 - Introduced by Senators L. Taylor and Larson, cosponsored by Representatives Anderson, Bowen, Brostoff, Fields, Hebl, L. Myers, Pope, Sinicki, Stubbs, Subeck and Zamarripa. Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Revenue and Financial Institutions.

AN ACT to amend chapter 77 (title); and to create 20.455 (5) (hv) and subchapter

XIII of chapter 77 [precedes 77.997] of the statutes; relating to: imposing a tax

on firearm manufacturers and services provided to victims of crimes involving

firearms, making an appropriation, and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill imposes a tax on a firearms manufacturer at the rate of 0.5 percent of the manufacturer's list price for each firearm made by the manufacturer that is offered for sale in this state. The tax collected under this bill is to be used by the Department of Justice to provide services to victims of crimes involving firearms.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report.

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. 20.455 (5) (hv) of the statutes is created to read:

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1	20.455 (5) (hv) Victims of firearm crimes. All moneys received under subch.
2	XIII of ch. 77 to provide services to victims of crimes involving firearms.
3	Section 2. Chapter 77 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:
4	CHAPTER 77
5	TAXATION OF FOREST CROPLANDS;
6	REAL ESTATE TRANSFER FEES;
7	SALES AND USE TAXES; COUNTY AND
8	SPECIAL DISTRICT SALES AND USE
9	TAXES; MANAGED FOREST LAND;
10	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SURCHARGE;
11	LOCAL FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX;
12	LOCAL RENTAL CAR TAX; PREMIER
13	RESORT AREA TAXES; STATE RENTAL
14	VEHICLE FEE; DRY CLEANING FEES;
15	FIREARMS TAX
16	Section 3. Subchapter XIII of chapter 77 [precedes 77.997] of the statutes is
17	created to read:
18	CHAPTER 77
19	SUBCHAPTER XIII
20	FIREARMS TAX
21	77.997 Imposition. For the privilege of doing business in this state, beginning
22	on July 1, 2020, there is imposed a tax on each manufacturer of firearms at the rate
23	of 0.5 percent of the manufacturer's list price for each firearm made by the
24	manufacturer that is offered for sale in this state. The tax imposed by this
25	subchapter for each calendar quarter is due and payable on the last day of the month

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next succeeding the calendar quarter for which imposed. Persons who owe amounts	
under this subchapter shall pay them to the department of revenue in the manner	
determined by the department.	
77.9971 Administration. (1) The department of revenue shall administer	
the tax under this subchapter and may take any action, conduct any proceeding, and	
impose interest and penalties.	
(2) Sections 77.60, 77.61 (2), (4), (5), (6), (8), (9), (12) to (15), and (19m), and	
77.62, as they apply to the taxes under subch. III, apply to the tax under this	
subchapter.	
(3) Persons who are subject to the tax under this subchapter shall register with	
the department of revenue. Any person who is required to register and who fails to	
do so, including any person authorized to act on behalf of a corporation, partnership,	
or other person, is guilty of a misdemeanor.	
(4) All moneys collected under this subchapter shall be credited to the	
appropriation account under s. 20.455 (5) (hv).	

(END)