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Restrictions on Smoking (General Provisions)

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CURRENT LAW

A number of local governments in Wisconsin have enacted ordinances to prohibit smoking in enclosed, indoor locations. The state has not enacted a statewide prohibition on smoking in enclosed, indoor locations.

GOVERNOR

Prohibit smoking throughout the state in enclosed, indoor locations, with certain limited exceptions, and specify places where smoking would be prohibited.

Reduce medical assistance (MA) benefits funding by \$417,300 (-\$150,900 GPR and -\$266,400 FED) in 2009-10 and by \$754,500 (-\$298,600 GPR and -\$455,900 FED) in 2010-11 to reflect projected savings that would result by enacting the smoking restrictions in the bill.

MODIFICATION

Delete the statutory changes related to the prohibition of smoking, but retain the funding reduction for MA benefits to reflect projected program savings.

Explanation: On May 13, 2009, the Senate and Assembly passed 2009 Senate Bill 181, which prohibits smoking in indoor areas, in sports arenas, in public conveyances, and at certain outdoor locations. The Governor signed the bill into law as 2009 Wisconsin Act 12 on May 18, 2009. Given enactment of the smoking ban, the modification would delete the smoking prohibition provisions of AB 75.

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