



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO SENATE BILL 283**

June 18, 2025 - Offered by Senators SMITH, HESSELBEIN, SPREITZER, DRAKE, ROYS, L. JOHNSON, CARPENTER, DASSLER-ALFHEIM, HABUSH SINYKIN, KEYESKI, LARSON, PFAFF, RATCLIFF, WALL and WIRCH.

AN ACT *to create* 20.395 (5) (db) and 85.65 of the statutes; **relating to:** public protective services hearing protection assistance and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 20.395 (5) (db) of the statutes is created to read:

20.395 (5) (db) *Public protective services hearing protection program.* From the general fund, a sum sufficient for the public protective services hearing protection program under s. 85.65.

SECTION 2. 85.65 of the statutes is created to read:

85.65 Public protective services hearing protection assistance. (1)

The department shall establish and administer a public protective services hearing

protection program. Under the program, the department shall do all of the following:

(a) Obtain from a manufacturer of the product hearing protection devices that satisfy sub. (2).

(b) Upon request, provide devices obtained under par. (a) to law enforcement and fire protective agencies in this state in the number requested by the agency.

(2) Devices under sub. (1) (a) shall be commercially available hearing protection devices that satisfy all of the following:

(a) The device is designed to be used multiple times.

(b) The device is designed to be inserted completely within the ear canal.

(c) The device has a minimum noise reduction rating of 25 decibels.

(d) The device has a maximum output of 80 decibels.

(3) A law enforcement or fire protective agency may request any number of devices under sub. (1) (b) that the agency determines are necessary for the agency's use.

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