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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2019 Assembly Bill 297**

**Assembly  
Amendment 1**

### 2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 297

The state's electronic waste recycling program prohibits manufacturers from selling certain consumer electronic devices to households or schools in this state, or delivering consumer electronic devices to a retailer, unless the manufacturer registers with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) each year, pays a registration fee, and either recycles a certain amount of consumer electronic devices or pays a shortfall fee. A retailer may not sell certain consumer electronic devices to households or schools in this state unless the device's manufacturer is registered under the program. A recycler that receives electronic devices on behalf of a registered manufacturer must also register under the program and comply with certain reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

2019 Assembly Bill 297 does all of the following:

- Narrows the definition of “consumer printer” for purposes of the program by excluding household printing devices similar to a calculator with printing capabilities or a label maker, floor standing printers or printers with optional floor stands, and point of sale receipt printers;
- Expands the definition of “school” for purposes of the program to include all public elementary and secondary schools, including charter schools, all private elementary and secondary schools, and all tribal schools;
- Raises the threshold number of electronic devices sold in the state for which a manufacturer is required to pay a registration fee;
- Changes the program year from a fiscal year to a calendar year with an 18-month transition year; and
- Modifies the information registered recyclers must include in their annual reports to DNR. Specifically, the bill requires that, in addition to reporting the total weight of devices received from a registered manufacturer for recycling during the previous year, registered recyclers must also separate the total weight of electronic devices received from a registered manufacturer for recycling in the previous year into specific categories, and report the estimated weight of certain materials from devices.

### ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 does all of the following:

- Further modifies the definition of consumer printer by excluding automated teller machines;
- Removes the requirement that recyclers, in their report to DNR, separate the total weight of electronic devices received from a registered manufacturer for recycling in the previous year into specific categories and report the estimated weight of certain materials from devices; and

- Adjusts the time periods on which registered manufacturers' recycling targets are based in order to align with the transition year.

## **BILL HISTORY**

Representative Mursau offered Assembly Amendment 1 on August 29, 2019. On September 3, 2019, the Assembly Committee on Environment voted to recommend adoption of the amendment, and passage of the bill, as amended, both with votes of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0.

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