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ASSEMBLY BILL 1

February 16, 2006 – Introduced by JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, by request of Governor Jim Doyle. Referred to Joint Committee on Finance.

1 AN ACT to create 20.505 (1) (qm) of the statutes; relating to: increasing

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low-income energy assistance and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, using federal funds, the Department of Administration (department) administers a low-income energy assistance program. Eligible households receive payments to assist with the cost of home energy. Currently, payments are calculated using a benefit schedule created by the department that takes into account household income, family size, and energy costs. Current law specifies which households are eligible for low-income energy assistance, including households with an annual income that is not more than 150 percent of the federal poverty line.

Under this bill, in fiscal year 2005–06, a household with an annual income that is not more than 206.7 percent of the federal poverty line is eligible to receive low-income energy assistance. The bill provides \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2005–06 from the petroleum inspection fund for payments to households that qualify under the one-time expansion of eligibility.

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:

| 1 | SECTION 1. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert |
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| 2 | the following amounts for the purposes indicated: |
| 3 | 2005-06 2006-07 |
| 4 | 20.505 Administration, department of |
| 5 | (1) SUPERVISION AND MANAGEMENT |
| 6 | (qm) Low-income energy assistance; |
| 7 | petroleum inspection fund SEG A 6,000,000 -0- |
| 8 | SECTION 2. 20.505 (1) (qm) of the statutes is created to read: |
| 9 | 20.505 (1) (qm) Low-income energy assistance; petroleum inspection fund. |
| 10 | From the petroleum inspection fund, the amounts in the schedule for low-income |
| 11 | energy assistance under 2005 Wisconsin Act (this act), section 3 (1). |
| 12 | SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions. |
| 13 | (1) Notwithstanding section 16.27 (5) of the statutes, in fiscal year 2005–06, a |
| 14 | household with an annual income that does not exceed 206.7 percent of the federal |
| 15 | poverty line is eligible to receive low-income energy assistance under section 16.27 |
| 16 | of the statutes. Notwithstanding section 16.27 (2), (3), and (6) of the statutes, the |
| 17 | department of administration shall pay low-income energy assistance benefits |
| 18 | under this subsection from the appropriation accounts under section $20.505(1)(qm)$ |
| 19 | of the statutes, as affected by this act. |
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(END)