

State of Wisconsin



2009 Senate Bill 257

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2009 WISCONSIN ACT 45

AN ACT *to amend* 49.138 (1m) (intro.) of the statutes; **relating to:** emergency assistance grants.

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

SECTION 1. 49.138 (1m) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.138 (1m) (intro.) The department shall implement a program of emergency assistance to needy persons in cases of fire, flood, natural disaster, homelessness or impending homelessness, or energy crisis. The department shall establish the maximum ~~amount~~ amounts of aid to be granted, ~~except for cases of energy crisis, per family member based on the funding available under s. 20.437 (2) (dz) and (md).~~ The department need not establish the maximum ~~amount~~ amounts by rule under ch. 227. The department shall publish the maximum ~~amount~~ and

~~annual changes to its~~ amounts in the Wisconsin administrative register if the department does not establish the maximum amounts by rule. Emergency assistance provided to needy persons under this section may only be provided to a needy person once in a 12-month period. Emergency assistance provided to needy persons under this section in cases of homelessness or impending homelessness may be used only to obtain or retain a permanent living accommodation. For the purposes of this section, a family is considered to be homeless, or to be facing impending homelessness, if any of the following applies:

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to determinations of aid payment amounts that are made on the effective date of this subsection.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2007-08 : Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].