



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.

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

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 20.395 (5) (db) of the statutes is created to read:
5 20.395 (5) (db) *Public protective services hearing protection program.* From
6 the general fund, a sum sufficient for the public protective services hearing
7 protection program under s. 85.65.

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

9 **85.65 Public protective services hearing protection assistance. (1)**

10 The department shall establish and administer a public protective services hearing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 **(END)**