

Jobs and Economy

AB 18 –Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit

Rep. Shilling

Summary of Bill as amended:

Assembly Bill (AB) 18 will help historic rehabilitation work start earlier than under current law.

It changes the eligibility for the 5% state income or franchise tax credit for rehabilitation work of an income-producing historic building. To be eligible for the credit under current law, one must provide documentation that the secretary of the interior approved the rehabilitation. AB 18 allows the credit if one provides documentation that the state historic preservation officer recommended the rehabilitation work for approval by the secretary of the interior before work began, and the work was later approved by the secretary.

Assembly Amendment 1 makes minor alterations to the distribution mechanism for the credit allocation, allowing partners of an LLC to distribute the credit according to an agreement of the partners rather than ownership interest.

Assembly Amendment 2 is a technical memo correcting a drafting error.

Fiscal Effect:

Unknown, but expected to be minimal.

Supporters Message:

- AB 18 allows rehabilitation work to begin once the state recommends the work, rather than waiting for the department of the interior to approve the work.

Opponents Message:

- No opposition given.

Key Supporters:

Rep. Shilling, Sen. Taylor, Wisconsin Historical Society, Gorman & Company, Wisconsin Rental Housing Legislative Council, Wisconsin Restaurant Association, Wisconsin Association of Architects.

Key Opponents:

None.

Committee Vote:

On March 31 the Assembly Committee on Jobs, the Economy and Small Business recommended adoption of AA1 and AA2 13-0, and recommended passage of AB18 as amended 13-0.

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